

Northcoast Athletic Club, Inc. Player/Parent Commitment Contract

The Northcoast Athletic Club, Inc. believes that by having athletic programs we can enrich the lives of our young people. Teamwork is essential for the successful implementation of these rules. Parents, coaches, athletes and program administrators need to work closely together in order for this athletics program to reach its full potential. Please read these guidelines and discuss the commitment with your child. If you have any questions, contact the Northcoast Athletic Club, Inc. Board.

Athletic Philosophy

The purpose of this Athletic Program is to:

Provide the opportunity for each athlete to use and develop their talents and skill sets while participating in competitive contests under the direction of qualified and dedicated coaches.

Instill in the athlete high values and attitudes of sportsmanship, teamwork, respect and dedication.

Integrate into the athlete's life a sense of priority, commitment and dedication that will prepare them for future challenges.

Educate the whole person, physically, mentally, and emotionally.

Code of Conduct

Athletes are representatives of the Northcoast Athletic Club, Inc., they can either be a credit to the athletics and the city they represent or they can be a discredit. Younger boys and girls, future athletes, classmates and citizens of the community look to our athletes as examples of model young people. With this view, proper conduct on and off the "field" is of the utmost importance.

To be part of an athletic program such as this should be considered a privilege. Athletes, parents & coaches must be willing to dedicate themselves to the following policies:

A. Citizenship

Athletes will strive to conduct themselves in a satisfactory manner as citizens of our community. Examples of poor citizenship are: misconduct in practice and games, disrespect for coaches, officials or fellow athletes or any insubordination to a coach, official or opponent. Athletes shall conduct themselves in a satisfactory manner so as to not reflect poorly upon the NAC athletic programs. Any unsatisfactory citizenship is contrary to the program goals and could result in disciplinary action.

Inappropriate conduct, disrespect toward officials and coaches, foul language, "trash talk", taunting, continual teasing or put-downs by athletes, coaches or parents will not be tolerated. If this situation occurs it will be dealt with seriously and quickly. Such action can include removal from the organization without warning.

B. Training

Athletes will conduct themselves in a satisfactory manner in regard to adherence of training rules. They will not involve themselves with any action or conduct that would not insure top physical condition or would be detrimental to their personal well-being. Team coaches will establish training rules. Violations may include absence from practice, smoking, or other detrimental activities. Training rule violations could result in disciplinary action and removal from the team.

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C. Attendance

Athletes are REQUIRED to attend all practices and games. Athletes must realize the importance of attending practices. Practice time may be from 1-3 hours in length and is crucial to the team and athlete's development. Athletes that miss practice should expect disciplinary action ranging from getting benched to removal from the team. Injured players should also attend practices and games in order to understand the development of the team.

Excused absences will be defined as: personal illness, death in the family, etc. Unexcused absences will be defined as: any absences in which the coach is not contacted by the athlete or his/her parent and all other absences (can't get a ride, went to the movies etc.). Coaches will work with you on vacation schedules etc. So please contact them as soon as you are aware of your plans.

Discipline action for unexcused absences from practice/games

1 st offence	Practice discipline – laps, push-ups etc.
2 nd offence	Sit out part of the next game
3 rd offence	Sit out entire next game and a coaches conference with parent.
4 th offence	Sit out entire next game and a coaches conference with parent.
5 th offence	Removal from the team.

Attendance at all games is mandatory. Athletes are expected to be at each game at least 60 minutes before the scheduled starting time.

*****Each player and parent understand that, although individual player development is important, as a competitive sports team our primary goal is to win each tournament we participate in. This means that each coach will be making playing decisions that he/she feels will put the team in the best position to win. Therefore, it is understood that playing time is neither guaranteed nor equal and that each player will be competing for a starting position. NAC coaches may choose not to discuss playing time or individual coaching decisions with anyone other than the player or other NAC coaches. The NAC coaching staff may establish additional individual team rules. Team rules shall be established so as not to contradict the rules listed in this document.**

D. Participation & Fundraising

The NAC is seeking the commitment of not only the player but parents as well. Participation in our annual fundraising events is expected. This helps the organization grow and allows for an equal distribution of efforts toward our fiscal goals. Parents and players should know that their participation in these events is part of the commitment necessary to participate in NAC programs. This commitment is necessary so each participant/family shares equally in the responsibility of fundraising and no particular family or families carry any inequity in this requirement.

Examples of these events are as follow:

- 1) *Reverse Raffle. Usually held in February. Minimum of four (4) tickets sold. \$50 value/ticket.
- 2) *Casino Night. Usually in October/April. Minimum of two (4) tickets sold. \$50 value/ticket.
- 3) *Spaghetti Dinner. Usually held in March/May. Minimum of six (6) tickets sold. \$5 value/ticket.
- 4) *Home Tournament. Usually held in July. Two (2) hour commitments for both concession stand and parking or participation on Field Committee required.
- 5) Additional fundraisers may be established during the season.

***Mandatory fundraising event in order to maintain \$250 Registration Fee.**

***If the Mandatory fundraising responsibility is not met, then the assigned values of each ticket times the number of unsold tickets becomes due in place of the sold ticket.**

Uniforms will not be issued to those participants who do not meet this requirement and any monies already paid or collected will not be refunded. See Section E.

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E. Withdrawal of Participation, Releases & Equipment

By signing this Player/Parent Commitment Contract both parent and player understand that if for any reason, a player voluntary or otherwise withdrawals or is released from the program, all applicable fees will still be due to the NAC. In addition, there will be no refund of any monies, which may already have been paid in connection with the Registration into this Athletic Program.

Also, once the Player/Parent Commitment Contract is signed it is understood that the player and parent are contractually held to the roster submitted for tournament and/or league play and committed to the NAC Program for that particular season. The NAC has no obligation to release any player from any roster due to withdrawal or release from the Athletic Program. The NAC reserves the right to release any player for violation of this contract.

In any circumstance where the NAC incurs additional costs to outfit or equip any player that withdrawals or is released, the NAC, in addition to the Registration Fee, may charge back to the player and parent the actual hard costs of these expenses.

Any equipment leased or otherwise lent to any player shall be returned immediately upon release or withdrawal from the Program. In cases where equipment is lent to a player who does not withdraw or is not released then said equipment shall be returned promptly at the end of the summer tournament season and no later than August 15 of that season. Ex. Player Bat Bags.

F. Registration Fees

Option #1: Player Registration Fee is \$250/participant with mandatory fundraising. Mandatory fundraising is listed in Section D of this contract.

Option #2: Player Registration Fee is \$600/participant with no fundraising requirements.

I/We, by execution of this Commitment Contract, fully understand the requirements and responsibilities necessary to participate in the NAC Stinger Softball Program.

Player Signature

Date

Player Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

James DeGeronimo, President
Northcoast Athletic Club, Inc.

Date