



# Pottsgrove High School Softball

## 2017 Policies



- 1.) **Academics First-** Your main responsibility at school is to learn. Extra-curricular activities come second. If a player is ineligible **2 times** throughout the season, they will be excused from the team. The reason you are called a Student Athlete is because you are a "Student" before an "Athlete".
- 2.) **Practice, Practice, Practice-** Practice has always been the key to success on the field. It is imperative that athletes take practice seriously and attend every day. If you miss practice without a legitimate note from a parent or doctor, you will not START the next game. The second time, you will not DRESS for the next game. The third time may result in dismissal from the team. If you are absent from school, or you are sent home, it will not count as a missed practice. It is your responsibility to notify your coach ahead of time if you know you are going to miss practice.
- 3.) **Behavior at School-** In order to participate in athletics, you need to follow all school guidelines. The coaches will review all detentions and ISS offenses. After your FIRST offense, you will not dress for the next game. The SECOND offense may result in dismissal from the team. Consequences are at the discretion of the coaching staff based on level of severity of the offense, etc.
- 4.) **Equipment-** You are responsible for providing your own **school-appropriate** attire. This includes weather-appropriate clothes, rubber cleats, and appropriate athletic apparel. Uniforms will be provided and must be returned at the end of the season. If you have your own equipment, be sure that your name is on it. It also needs to be PIAA approved to use in interscholastic competition.
- 5.) **Teamwork-** We have all been brought together to fulfill similar goals. It is important to support your teammates at all times and to build an encouraging working atmosphere.
- 6.) **Attitude-** Always maintain a positive attitude and good things will follow. Negative interactions with opposing teams, teammates, coaches, referees, or other adults will NOT be tolerated. **NO FOUL LANGUAGE**
- 7.) **No Food During Games-** Players are only allowed water/sports drinks during games. Also, players are expected to stay with the team throughout the games, and not visit fans or family.
- 8.) **No Cell Phones During Games-** Players will not be permitted to use cell phones at all during warm-up or game time. If seen with a cell phone, it will be confiscated until after the game.
- 9.) **Notes for Rides-** If a player is getting a ride home from a parent/guardian from an AWAY game, a note must be provided one day in advance and must explain the circumstance, this is district policy. If another player is being transported in the same car, a note from both parents/guardians must be provided. **This note must be provided to the Head Coach or Athletic Office at least 24 hours in advance for approval.**
- 10.) **Deadlines-** Submit all paperwork and physical forms on time, date TBD.
- 11.) **Playing Time-** The coaching staff will make the best decisions necessary for the team when it comes to playing time.
- 12.) **Drugs/Alcohol-** Drug and alcohol use will absolutely not be tolerated. Any violation of this policy will be followed up with possible district consequences, per School Board Policy #227, as well as dismissal from the team.

13). **Social Media**-Inappropriate use of social media may result in a cut in playing time or dismissal from the team. This includes contacting newspaper media via social media. **There should be no contact with media unless directly supervised by the coaching staff.**

14) **School Board Hazing Policy #247**-Hazing in any form will NOT be tolerated.

**We understand that students participate in athletics outside of the school, but as a member of this team you should remember to put OUR program FIRST. Coaches of outside organizations should contact us in writing if there is a conflict.**

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(Athlete's Signature)

(Date)

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(Parent/Guardian Signature)

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