

Sierra Vista High School Softball Athletic Contract

The parties to this agreement, in consideration of the mutual covenants and stipulations set out, agree as follows:

Purpose: Participation in softball is a privilege, not a right. The athlete must earn this privilege through dedication, desire, and discipline. Without the pursuit of those, the athlete can in no way do justice to herself or the school. The athlete must discipline herself to be a good citizen and student in order to achieve athletic excellence. The softball staff of Sierra Vista High School believes that the tradition of winning is established and maintained upon these principles. This determines the course of action for the pursuit of athletic achievement and character training of young persons that will be implemented with the following “*softball Policies*” which must be understood and agreed to between the school, the student athlete, and parent/guardian.

Attendance: All team members will attend all scheduled practices and meetings. If circumstances arise whereby the student cannot attend a practice or meeting, the coach must be notified prior to the practice or meeting missed by personal contact, phone call, or written statement from parent / guardian. Any athlete who cuts practice, fails to appear for a game, fails to make scheduled team or individual meetings, or fails to attend school on game day or practice days without prior notice as outlined above shall not be allowed to participate in any game or games for a period of time to be determined by the head coach. Excessive absences from team practices, games or meetings may be cause for removal from the softball team. All players are required to attend classes regularly.

Eligibility: To be eligible for athletics, the athlete must be in compliance with the Sierra Vista High School policies concerning incorrect or illegal enrollment and the rules and regulations of the NIAA. Eligibility for weekly participation shall be determined by a 3-week grade eligibility check. The athlete must be passing all classes to be eligible for any competition that week. *Athletes will be expected to maintain grades commensurate with their ability level.*

Jobs: The athlete shall not obligate herself to a job that in any way interferes with practice times or regular competition time.

Other Sports: The Sierra Vista Coach’s procedures and regulations manual states that coaches are expected to not let an athlete participate in off-season situations while that athlete is a member of a team currently practicing. The athlete shall not attend any other sports, out of season conditioning, intramurals, practices, or games regardless of high school or club affiliation.

Personal Appearance: Because an athlete is constantly in the eyes of the public, she becomes a representative of the school and is considered to be in a position of leadership. Therefore, the athlete’s personal appearance not only reflects her attitude but those whom she represents. Her hygiene must be such that it is not harmful to the athlete’s well being while participating in athletic competition. Athletes will be required to abide by the following rule established by the Board of Education and Sierra Vista High School: *Athletes are expected to adhere to dress code policies when attending school-sponsored activities. The athlete’s hair shall be groomed in such a way as not to interfere with the athlete’s performance (French Braided if possible). NO JEWELRY IS TO BE WORN ON THE SOFTBALL FIELD.* Lack of adherence to the above rules may result in the athlete being held out of practice, games, or sent home. Failure to comply after further notification may result in suspension or removal from the Team.

Personal Health Practices: Due to the harmful effect upon the health of the individual, all athletes will refrain from use of: tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or abusive drugs. Verification of drinking of alcoholic beverages or the use of abusive drugs by the athlete will result in immediate dismissal from the team and disciplinary actions from Sierra Vista High School, as well as the NIAA.

Lettering: A varsity player who meets the following requirements will earn a Sierra Vista Athletic Letter in recognition of their efforts.

1. The Athlete must complete the season in good standing.
2. The athlete must return all equipment and/or have paid any fine obligations.
3. The athlete must complete the season with a satisfactory academic record.
4. The athlete must have participated in eighteen (18) varsity games, sixty (60) innings, or post-season games.
5. Coaches Discretion: Any athlete who display’s extraordinary achievement, as judged by the coach, may receive a varsity letter.

Equipment Fees: Lost or damaged equipment replacement costs:

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| 1. Blue, Black, White Jersey | \$35.00each |
| 2. Blue, Black, Gold Shorts | \$25.00each |
| 3. Blue, Black Pants | \$40.00each |
| 4. Jacket | \$50.00 |
| 5. Helmet | \$40.00 |
| 6. Travel Bag | \$50.00 |

Fund-Raising: Fund-raising is a time consuming, yet vital component of our program. Funds are used for tournament fees, travel expenses, additional equipment, and our awards night. Athletes and Parents / Guardians are requested to assist in fund-raising by participating in the following:

1. Selling an advertisement in the Sierra Vista High School Partnership Program.
2. Hit-A-Thon
3. Pancake Breakfast, Fall and Spring

Travel: All athletes will ride with the team to away games. An athlete may return home with their parent or guardian from tournaments. The athlete's parent or guardian must sign the athlete-out form with Coach Streets. Athletes are to be dressed in the proper uniform unless otherwise directed. If a player shows up for a trip and does not meet the dress code, she may be asked to change, or stay at home. Athletes are expected to follow all Sierra Vista and CCSD rules when traveling. Players must be in their assigned rooms, with lights out at the time they are directed to do so. Athletes who break team rules while on trips may be suspended or removed from the team, or sent home at their parent's expense. Students may also face CCSD disciplinary action depending on the severity of the infraction.

Media: An athlete will not grant interviews without approval of Coach Streets. Interviews will occur after games only. Athletes will be polite, poised, positive and humble. Credit should be given to teammates and opponents.

Time: Be on Time. At least 15 minutes early for all practices, and 1 hour and 15 minutes early for each game. Players who come late to practice or games will be sent home, unless arrangements have been made with the coaching staff.

Sportsmanship: The game of softball is played by, coached by, and officiated by human beings. Human beings make mistakes. The athlete shall follow the Sierra Vista Sportsmanship creed: "Win with humility, lose with dignity, respect opponents and officials. Praise positive effort. Model exemplary citizenship, compete with class." Spectators are asked to encourage good play, and refrain from negative comments to opposing teams and umpires. Spectators who do not display good sportsmanship will be asked to leave, or will be removed from viewing the remainder of the game.

Quitting: If for some reason the athlete feels the need to quit, please consider the following:

1. Quitting is not the end of the world, however it needs to be done with dignity and in a responsible manner.
2. The athlete must talk to Coach Streets in person and return all equipment.
3. The athlete and her parent or guardian feels good about the decision.

Dismissal: If for any reason the athlete has to be dismissed from the softball program, Coach Streets will adhere to the following procedure:

1. Coach Streets will contact the athlete's parent or guardian and discuss the reason for the dismissal. The best option for the positive development of the athlete and the team will be in mind.
2. The appropriate parties (principal, assistant principal, athletic director or coaches) will meet with the athlete and deliver whatever action needs to be taken.

Try-Outs: Try-outs will be held over a two-day period. Athletes will be evaluated on fitness, strength, speed, running form, throwing, catching, fielding, bunting, hitting, knowledge of the game of softball, work ethic, hustle, attitude, and commitment to the Sierra Vista High School softball program. All softball coaches have input into the placement of athletes, but the final decisions rest with the head coach. At the end of the second day of try-outs, all athletes will have a conference with the coaching staff explaining if they have made one of the teams or not, and what their role in the program will be. Students trying out for softball must be academically eligible to play before tryouts in order to be considered for membership on the JV or Varsity teams.

Parental Concerns: In an effort to maintain a positive experience for everyone, we welcome all parental comments and questions. If you have a concern, please call the appropriate coach first. If you need further assistance, you may contact Coach Streets, athletic director Mr. Larry Goins, the athletic administrator Mr. Ron Isaacs, or principal Mr. Emil Wozniak. If you have questions or concerns about a particular situation, please do not approach the coach during practice, immediately after practice or even at the conclusion of the contest. These may be very emotional times for all participants. Please call and make an appointment for a later date in order to discuss the matter in a calm, courteous, and logical manner.

School Decorum: An athlete is expected to govern her conduct in accordance with the rules and regulations of Sierra Vista High School, the Clark County School District, and the Nevada Interscholastic Activities Association.

Parent / Guardian Signature and Student Signature: I, and my student athlete, understand the expectations of the Sierra Vista High School Softball Program.

Parent Signature:

Student Signature: