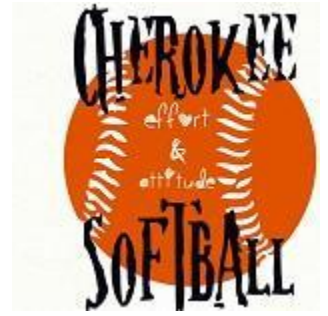


Cherokee Softball 2025 Player Contract

Cherokee Softball Philosophy

The philosophy of the Cherokee High School softball coaching staff is to provide a positive learning environment where athletes can succeed. Everyone in this program will be treated with respect, as well as opponents, officials, and fans. We are committed to every player's success in the classroom, on the softball field, and in the community. The main components of the Cherokee High School softball program are: Character, Hard Work, and Sportsmanship. Our philosophy is based on focusing on what we can control, giving 100% effort and having a positive attitude everyday.



PRIORITY SCHEDULING

In order to attain our goals, it is important that each athlete is willing to commit herself to the following priority schedule:

- Essential family and religious commitments (vacation not included)
- Academic progress and responsibilities (classwork, homework, mandatory sponsored functions)
- Cherokee High School Softball
- Any out of season sports or other activities

PRACTICE AND GAME ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

- 1) **Players missing school/practice for an unexcused absence will not be permitted to participate in the next game unless prior approval is given by the coach.**
- 2) **Players missing a game (unexcused absence) will sit the next game.**
- 3) Excused absences are: academic related school functions, religious commitments, illness, medical notes, funeral, state driver test, and legal reasons. **Vacations are not excused.**
- 4) If you are not in school by **11:26am**, you may not practice or play in the game that day. Unless verified appointment **see below.**
- 5) If you are absent for a part of or an entire school day because of a verified appointment with a physician or dentist, state driver's test, funeral, court appearance or college visit you may participate in a game or practice that day if **you get prior approval from Mr. Agnew - Athletic Director).**
- 6) Players are responsible for traveling to and from each game with the team and being seated on the bus at the scheduled departure time. If students **MUST** be driven to or from an event for an approved reason, proper paperwork must be filled out prior to the game.
- 7) If you are sick and absent from school your coach **MUST BE CONTACTED** by text or email to let them know. If it is a school day they should be contacted by 10:00 am.

PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

- 1) Be on time for ALL practices and games. No excuses!
- 2) Players are responsible for their uniform cleanliness, tidiness and bringing all parts to each game.
- 3) Players should be prepared (clothing, sneakers, cleats, gloves, etc) to practice indoors and/or outdoors.
- 4) Player are expected to **always use social media appropriately**, including the following:
 - Players will only post positive things about their teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials.
 - Players will not degrade their opponents before, during, or after a game.
 - Players will take responsibility for their online profile, including their posts, photos, videos, posted by others in which you appear. Players are aware that they represent Cherokee Softball, Cherokee High School, their family, and their community at all times, and will do so in a positive manner.
- 5) Be PREPARED to move up or down (Frosh, JV, Varsity) depending on team needs.
- 6) Do not use any illegal substances (alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, etc.)
- 7) Players will focus on what they can control, their attitude and effort every game and practice.
- 8) Players are expected to uphold our team's values on the field and in the classroom and community.

Character/Commitment - know your role, committed to the team, support team, always show respect, be a person of character on the field, in the classroom, and in our community.

Hard Work - never give up, hustle, desire, heart

Sportsmanship - leader on the field and in classroom, always show respect, sportsmanship in victory and defeat,

COMMUNICATION WITH PARENTS AND PLAYERS

- 1) All players Are REQUIRED to be on Cherokee Softball Google Classroom - Turn on Notifications

Instagram

Softball - @ladychiefssb

Twitter

Softball - @Chschiefsb

Athletics - @ChiefsAthletics

Cherokee HS - @Cherokee_HS

Cherokee Softball Website <https://sites.google.com/lrbsd.org/cherokee-softball/home>

- 2) For **updated game schedules and game cancellations in the event of inclement weather** please join the Cherokee Olympic Conference Page and click on the notify me (top right corner)

Here is the link - goo.gl/rhyU3T

Good communication is extremely important to us so we can maximize our full potential. Communication between coaches, players, teammates and parents is essential in having a successful program. Coaches, players and parents will keep an open line of communication to avoid any misinterpretations. Any concerns a player may have should be addressed directly to the coaches by the player at an appropriate time.

Parents if it becomes necessary that contact must be made with a coach for any reason, please make it a non game day. We will be willing to discuss questions you may have with the exception of playing time, game strategies, or other players on the team. Additionally, **to be fair for everyone involved, any correspondence (email, phone call, etc) will be shared with ALL parties involved – parents, players, coaches, and Athletic Director (if deemed necessary).**

Dugout Rules:

Only Cherokee coaches, players, and Cherokee staff are allowed in the dugout. Players are not to make **phone calls or text message** at any time during practice, tournament play or team meetings. Unless permission is granted from their coach.

Athletic Attitude and Effort - ALL PLAYERS AND COACHES

Understand and model the core values of our team. Be aggressive, enthusiastic, confident, disciplined, and compete fearlessly. Be intelligent enough to listen and develop the ability to work and learn. Have faith in the people you are working with, don't let your teammates down, and always put the team ahead of yourself. Maintain integrity, respect for yourself and team, and your sense of humor. And no matter what, always show sportsmanship in victory and defeat.

Consequences for not following the player expectations and team rules:

1. Loss of playing time
2. Suspension from team (up to 5 practice/game days)
3. Referral to Athletic Advisory Council

District athletes may be disciplined for violating both general district and specific team rules. General district rules include but are not limited to:

1. Showing exemplary personal conduct both when attending school sponsored activities as well as outside of school. **This includes the proper use of social media.**
2. Refraining from smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages, using drugs and performance enhancers, stealing and destroying property.
3. Adhering to district attendance regulations:
 - a. Attendance At Practice - Each athlete has an obligation to her coach(es), teammates and herself to be at every practice.
 - b. Attendance At School:
 - i. Pupils who are not enrolled in the school district may not participate in the Co-Curricular Program.
 - ii. Pupils who are absent for an entire school day because of illness may not participate in a Co-Curricular Activity scheduled for the afternoon or evening of that school day.
 - iii. Pupils who are absent for a part of or an entire school day because of a verified appointment with a physician or dentist, state driver's test, funeral, court appearance or college visit may participate in a Co-Curricular Activity scheduled for the afternoon or evening of that school day **(prior approval needed from the Athletic Director)**.
 - iv. Lates To School – pupils must report to school and be present for **the last four hours of school** in order to participate in a Co-Curricular Activity on that respective day. This provision may be waived because of a verified appointment with a physician, state driver's test, funeral, court appearance or college visit **(prior approval needed from the Athletic Director)**.
4. In-Season Alcohol & Substance Abuse Disciplinary Procedures:
 - a. 1st Offense – Five day suspension from team, referral to school SAC, parent conference with the Athletic Director and participation in a post-incident screening program.
 - b. 2nd Offense – Suspension from the team for the remainder of the season, assessment by a district recommended program, compliance with recommendations as set forth by the rehabilitation program and three sessions with the school recommended psychologist.
 - c. 3rd Offense – Permanent revocation of the athletic privilege and the student will be recommended to attend a therapeutic or rehabilitative services in-patient program.

The above procedures are in addition to the LRHSD Guidelines regarding alcohol and drug offenses and are cumulative during the student athlete's school career.
5. Avoiding School Detentions and Suspensions:
 - a. ***Students serving teacher/administrative detentions and SWAP/in-school/ out-of-school suspensions may not participate either in practices or games for the duration of the detention or suspension.***

NJSIAA Clarifications – Disqualification Rule: CL 10 States:

“Any Varsity team accumulating three or more player or coach disqualifications for flagrant unsportsmanlike conduct prior to the start of a tournament (NJSIAA Playoffs) will not be permitted to participate in same (Tournament/NJSIAA Playoffs). Seeded teams will forfeit their right to compete if a disqualification limit is reached prior to the start of the tournament (NJSIAA Playoffs) for the team.”

Cardinal Rule:

- Officials officiate the game.
- Coaches coach the game.
- Players play the game.
- Concentrate on your area of the game.

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Lenape Regional High School District Policy (5560) States:

"The Lenape Regional Board of Education believes that hazing activities of any type are inconsistent with the educational process and prohibits all such practices as related to any school-sponsored events.

"Hazing" means the performance of any act or the coercion of another to perform any act of initiation into any class, team, or organization that causes or creates a substantial risk of causing mental or physical harm. Permission, consent, or assumption of risk by an individual subjected to hazing shall not lessen the prohibitions contained in this policy.

All staff members shall be alert to the possible circumstances or events that might include hazing. A staff member who detects hazing or planned hazing shall immediately inform the pupils involved of the prohibition against hazing and direct them to cease all hazing activities. All hazing incidents must be reported to the school administration."