



## The Orchard Park Starz 12U Travel Team

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### Team Overview – 2008 / 2009

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The Orchard Park Starz Travel Program is a volunteer based program dedicated to advancing the cause of competitive softball to Orchard Park's travel softball players. Our three travel teams consist of the 10U team coached by Tim Frappa, our 12U teams and the 14U team coached by Scott MacDonald and Scott Radin.

All monies collected by the Orchard Park Starz either through parent contributions or our sponsors are applied solely for the benefit of the Orchard Park Starz organization and their teams. No director, coach or manager receives compensation for their services.

#### **I. Orchard Park Starz 12U GOLD and SILVER Team and Organizational Rules...**

- a) Players must be registered in the 2009 Orchard Park Little League House League. This is a Little League and OPLL rule.
- b) Players can not play on any other 2009 travel team. If a child is found to be playing on two travel teams then the player will be immediately removed from the Starz team. This is a Starz rule.
- c) Our 12U players must play at their level in the OPLL House League – or be given permission to play up by OPLL to qualify to play in Little League sanctioned tournaments. Players playing up a level in house league without permission will not be allowed to play on any Little League Tournament Team. This is a Little League rule.
- d) Both GOLD & SILVER TEAM players will play a minimum of 2 innings in the field and bat in order throughout all regular season Metro games and indoor games. There is no guaranteed playing time in tournaments and Metro League playoffs.



Field playing time is defined as either infield or outfield and is at the sole discretion of the coaches

## **II. Orchard Park Starz Player Rules ...**


1. Failure to attend two or more practices WITHOUT proper notification to the coaches may result in your child being removed from the Starz team at the coach's discretion. Practices are critical skill building and bonding opportunities.
2. Failure to attend practices on a regular basis – even WITH proper notification to the coaches - may result in your child being removed from the team at the coach's discretion.
3. *EXCEPTION to Rule #2* –your child may be excused from some NOT all practices or indoor games if she is involved in other “off season or winter related” travel sporting/entertainment events or school sponsored events.
4. “Practices” are defined as regular team practices and indoor games starting in November and running into the 2009 season. Additional team practices will be added with advanced notice and will be classified as mandatory or optional.
5. Players will play at positions as determined by the coaching staff only. Parents can request a child's position to the coaches prior to the start of the season but understand that all positional decisions remain solely at the coaching staff's discretion.
6. Players complaining about playing a certain position or their playing time in the field may result in that player being removed from the game and if it continues, removal from the team for failure to play within team rules. Attitude in each player is crucial in order to grow a successful program.
7. Players will not engage in any negative or derogatory behavior aimed at a teammate, coach, opposing player, umpire or spectators/parents (including her own parents). Any player engaging in such behavior will be subject to removal from the game or practice and possibly suspension or if it continues, removal from the team without a warning.

## **III. The GOLD Team Schedule & Playing Time Guidelines...**

- a) We will practice 2-3 times per month in September and October
- b) We will practice in local gyms 1-2 times per week November through April
- c) We will practice 2 Saturdays per month at Buffalo State
- d) We will play a 10-12 game indoor schedule at Sahlen's Sports Park
- e) We will play 2-4 outdoor scrimmages in April
- f) We will play in 4-5 local tournaments and 2 away tournaments
- g) We will play a 12 game Metro League schedule
- h) Total estimated games 55-60 (includes indoor games)
- i) The GOLD TEAM players will play a minimum of 2 innings in the field and bat in order throughout all regular season Metro games and indoor games. There is no guaranteed playing time in tournaments and Metro League playoffs. Field playing time is defined as either infield or outfield and is at the sole discretion of the coaches.

## **IV. The SILVER Team Schedule & Playing Time Guidelines...**

- a) We will practice 2-3 times per month in September and October
- b) We will practice in local gyms 1 time per week November through April
- c) We will play a 10-12 game indoor schedule at Sahlen's Sports Park

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- d) We will play in 3-4 local tournaments and maybe 1 away tournament
  - e) We will play a 12 game Metro League schedule
  - f) Total estimated games 40-45 (includes indoor games)
  - g) The SILVER TEAM players will play a minimum of 2 innings in the field and bat in order throughout all regular season Metro games and indoor games. There is no guaranteed playing time in tournaments and Metro League playoffs. Field playing time is defined as either infield or outfield and is at the sole discretion of the coaches.

## **V. The Parent and Spectator Rules...**

We are very strong on letting the coaching staff coach and the parents and spectators cheer them on.

- a) Parents/Spectators should not engage in any coaching of the players before or during practices, games and scrimmages. The coaching staff has much to cover and it is difficult for players to hear two voices on the field, especially if one of those voices is their parent. It is also important to understand that the coaches are working on specific techniques or approaches and the parents input may not be in line with the coach's approach.
- b) Parents/Spectators should never confront a coach about a player's playing time, position or batting order before or during practices, scrimmages or games. Please contact a coach with your concerns with the understanding that all final decisions on the player will be at the discretion of the coaching staff.
- c) Parents/Spectators should not advise any member of the coaching staff on how to coach, who to play, where to play someone, playing time or any other act tantamount to "coaching" the team.
- d) Parents/Spectators can not, at any time, engage in any negative or derogatory behavior aimed at a player (including his or her own child), coach, opposing player, umpire or other spectators. This will not be tolerated and could result in the dismissal of the parent/spectator from the game or practice and/or future games or practices.
- e) Failure to adhere to the rules set forth in (a-d) last above may result in that Parent (s) or Spectator (s) being asked to leave the practice or game facility, banned from the practice or game facility while the team practices / plays or suspension or removal from the team of the player whose Parent (s) or Spectator (s) is breaking these rules.

Parent (s) or Spectator (s) are encouraged to cheer the girls on and provide positive reinforcement to their children. If there is an issue with the player, other players, other parents / spectators outside the scope of items I-V herein, then the Parent (s) or Spectator (s) is encouraged to speak with a member of the coaching staff in private. All such communication will always remain confidential between the coaching staff unless immediate action is required.

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