

Coach's Information Packet

First off we would like to thank you for reaching out to us, it is an honor to have you look at becoming part of our organization. In this packet you will find a brief layout of how we do things, what we accept from our coaching staff and how we expect things to be done. We pride ourselves in being a top notch organization. With that you are held to a high standard as we set an example for our communities and players.

Below you will find a list of what we provide on the back end support system for all of our coaching staff and teams.

*All payment collections are done through our online registration system on our website. All we ask from coaches regarding payments, is you remind parents of when things are due.

<u>Uniforms</u> All uniforms are ordered through the organization, your team will be provided with a sizing kit in November.

Coaches will be given a list of different uniform mock ups in November and are able to select one style, the 2nd style we do require all of our teams to have one matching set, this makes it easier if we need to move players, have pick up players, ect. All practice jerseys are also the same throughout the organization.

<u>Tournament Registration</u>: At the start of each season coaches will be given a spreadsheet to fill in all tournaments they will be participating in, we then do all of your team registration for these events.

<u>Tournament Payments</u>: All tournament payments are collected through our website, it is your responsibility as the head coach to remind your players and parents these must be paid no later than the wednesday before the tournament.

<u>Field Reservations</u>: In January of each calendar year you will be required to attend the city of Reno Fields meeting, at which time your outdoor practice spots

will be assigned. If you are not able to attend, you must send someone in your place. All field fees must be paid at this time also, which we will provide to you to do so, along with a copy of your rooster.

<u>Coaching Staff Meetings</u>: As we continue to grow and exspand we look forward to being able to support one another, in order to do so, you are required to attend our Freedom staff meetings every 6 weeks. At these meetings we will go over any special events coming up, fundraisers, players needed, coaches needed, training, ect...

<u>Fundraising</u>: We do provide 3 different fundraisers throughout the year for all players to participate in. Funds raised from fundraising cover a wide variety of items, uniforms, special tournaments, team gear, insurance, umbrella registrations, coaches gear, signs, website, payment software and more. If your individual team would like to do additional fundraising they are welcome to as long as we have approved the fundraiser and all funds need to go through the website.

<u>Player Sponsorships</u>, we do require each player provides 1 sponsorship that goes towards the organization as a whole, these exact terms are outlined in our Freedom Information Packet. These funds also cover all types of things that come up through the year, special tournaments, pick up players, special events, team parties, indoor facility fees, player sponsorships and more.

Monthly dues for players: Monthly dues are billed at the end of each month, and due by the 5th of each month. Monthly dues are billed 12 months out of the year.

<u>Team Practice</u>: Spring Season: Practice can be held 2 days a week, 2 hours per session. Fall season, practice is 2 days a week, 2 hours per session. During the fall season we encourage players to be involved in school sports, in order to become a well rounded athlete. There will be no penalty for a player not being able to attend their regular practice time due to being involved in another commitment. Any player is always allowed to attend another Freedom practice. With prior approval you may choose to not have week day practice during the fall and have 1 weekend practice for 4 hours instead depending on the age division.

<u>Holidays:</u> We do not allow practice on holidays, we believe that the players need to be able to spend quality time outside of softball with friends and family. We do not schedule tournaments on the following weekends, Easter, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving or Christmas.

Off Season: We strongly believe in "Put it away and forget about it" meaning the players need to take some off time, which helps develop their brain and body. All teams shut down from November 15th to January 15th each year. We do offer conditioning 1 day a week during the winter months, that is optional for players, this is held at either the reno sports dorm, or D1.

<u>Staff Clothing</u>: Each coach is provided with 2 coaches dry fit shirts pers year, along with 1 hoodie. If you would like more you are welcome to purchase them from our spirit store on our website.

<u>Coaches Gear</u>: It is our goal that everyone has what they need. Between February and April of each calendar year head coaches will be provided with balls, helmet racks, bat racks, bow nets, and gear wagons as needed.

(these items are your to use as long as you remain part of the freedom program, if you decided to go elsewhere we do require these items be returned to us)

<u>Liability</u>: We do require all coaches have a liability waiver on file with us, and all players have also signed waivers releasing all coaching staff of any injuries, accidents ect that go along with the sport.

Each head coach along with assistant coaches are required to do a background check upon joining the Freedom Softball program. You will be sent an email link for this to be completed. The cost of this is \$40 per person.

We understand that this can be annoying to some, but we also know the day and age we live in it is better to be prepared.

<u>Team Building:</u> We understand that each player must be the right fit for each coach and team. We have been able to build more than just a softball program by making sure we are always up front with both players, parents and coaches. We DO NOT allow stealing players from another team, if we have multiple teams of the same age group and someone needs or wants to change we are good with that, as long as it is done the right way, and not at the expense of other players or families.

It is our goal that 75% of each rooster player on one team all have the same birth year, this makes them be able to transition from one age group to the next without any issues.

Once signed on with

Freedom you will be sent multiple emails to complete.

We thank you for putting your faith in us and look forward to adding you to our Freedom Softball Family. If you have any questions at all please reach out to either Jimmy or Allison Pimentel.

"Where players are Built, NOT Bought, Earned Not Given, Hustled Not Handed,
Rare Not Average, where attitude is everything"