

# Student Athlete Handbook: Softball

## South Forsyth High School Softball

### I. Physicals

All players must have a completed physical that is current through November 1st. Participation is not allowed until the physical is turned in to DragonFly Max.

### II. Eligibility

All players must be eligible according to the guidelines set by the Georgia High School Association (GHSA).

### III. Attendance Policy

A player that misses a practice without notifying Coach Brooks before practice time will be removed from the program or the chance to tryout. If the student is absent from school excused or unexcused, she must contact Coach Brooks at 770-781-2264 ext. 101325 or email at [lbrooks@forsyth.k12.ga.us](mailto:lbrooks@forsyth.k12.ga.us) prior to 2:00 PM.

There are excused absences, but Coach Brooks must be informed immediately. Players are expected to give Coach Brooks a schedule of games/practices that they know they will miss for the upcoming season at the conclusion of tryouts. Doing so will minimize consequences for the Fall season. If the player fails to do so, there will be actions taken. Disciplinary actions will be up to the coach's discretion. Loss of playing time will be among the consequences unless the absence is for an excused reason such as:

- School club meetings/performances/field trips
- ACT/SAT
- Family emergencies
- Sickness

After two "excused" absences, the player will have a meeting with the coaching staff.

Do not be late, whether it is to class or practice. Time is precious and we will need every day for preparation of the upcoming season. Upon notifying Coach Brooks, if a player needs to make up academic time or assignments, there will be no questions asked. Unexcused tardies to class/practice consequences:

- First tardy will result in make-up for time missed.
- Second tardy will result in the loss of the next playing privilege.
- Third tardy and the player will be removed from the program.

### IV. PLAYING TIME

Playing time will be decided upon by the coaching staff and based on the staffs' professional opinions. Do not discuss playing time on game days. Playing time will be discussed only with the player in attendance and only about the player in attendance. If a player desires to talk about playing time, schedule an appointment before school or after practice. Please give notice.

## V. PROGRAM RULES

Players and parents must first understand the goal of the softball program at South Forsyth High School. Our goal is to build character and integrity, importance of the “TEAM” concept, and to develop young women so they will be able to be successful in softball and also in life after softball. As a coaching staff, we are here to look out for the best interest of the UNIT, not just the individual athlete. Playing softball is a privilege, not a right. Those expecting to represent the War Eagle softball program will be held accountable to higher standards than other students. Some common-sense rules apply:

- ❖ Any student/athlete that does anything on or off the field to discredit the program will be subject to punishment and possible removal from the program at the discretion of the head coach and coaching staff.
- ❖ Any student/athlete that violates alcohol and drug laws be it school, city, county, state, or federal level, will be dealt with in the following way:
  - The first offense will result in a suspension from the ability to play in one-third of the remaining games in the current softball season. The student/athlete will still be a part of the team and expected to practice during the suspension. Any second offense will result in immediate removal from the softball program.

The reason for the severity of these punishments is this: these things can take a life – yours, someone else’s, or both.

### Conduct

Conduct is a concern in all places and in all situations including social media. Classroom misconduct will not be tolerated. Student/athletes are here to receive an academic challenge, not to see and be seen. Conduct on the field can be summarized in one word: respect. Players will show respect to umpires, opposing coaches, opponents, and fans. The throwing of equipment, use of profanity, and arguing with umpires will not be tolerated. These are little things that go a long way in making the team and individual a winner. If a situation arises where the athlete/parent is upset regarding playing time, consequences delivered, etc., give at least 24 hours prior to approaching the coaching staff in regard to the situation.

### Parent Conduct

Parent conduct at any South Forsyth Softball function must adhere to the same standards as players. Those in violation will be asked to leave the function and possible removal of future activities.

## VI. GHSA SPORTSMANSHIP STATEMENT

“The GHSA and its member schools have made a commitment to promote good sportsmanship by student/athletes, coaches, and spectators at all GHSA sanctioned events. Profanity, degrading remarks, and intimidating actions directed at officials or competitors will not be tolerated, and are grounds for removal from the event site. Spectators are not allowed to enter the competition area during warm-ups or while the contest is being conducted. Thank you for your cooperation in the promotion of good sportsmanship at today’s event.”

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This must be signed and returned in order to participate.

Keep a copy of the handbook and return signature page.

Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_