



## **Youth Program (11u-13u) 2022/2023 PARENT/PLAYER CONTRACT**

The rules, philosophies, and procedures, Barracuda Aces Softball will operate under are outlined in the following pages. Please read through each page closely, as we want you to be fully aware of what is expected of our players and parents.

### **A. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:**

Developmental Training Fees: Each player (parent) is responsible for (3 payment options):

**If paid in full by September 15<sup>th</sup>**

\$1748 (-300 deposit)=\$1448

**If paid in full by December 1<sup>st</sup>**

\$1793 (-300 deposit)=\$1493

**Payment Plan (Deposit plus 7 auto withdraw installments (Aug -Feb)**

\$1833 (-\$300 Deposit and pro-rata per month)=\$219.00 monthly payment

**\$300 non-refundable deposit** required when the contract is submitted (will be applied to Training fees), this fee and contract must be submitted within 3 days of contract offer. If the fee is not paid in full by the due date, the player will be removed from the team. The balance of fees owed and offsetting fundraising efforts must equal the total fee.

Training fees cover the expense of facility rentals, softballs and various training equipment, coaches pay, D1 training, practices, practice field maintenance, insurance, indoor facility, and office/advertising expenses, banking fees and Director pay.

### **Additional Costs:**

Uniforms and personal equipment costs will be paid per player in addition to the above fee.

- Uniform Estimates - \$150 to \$200

If your player chooses to leave the Barracuda Aces Organization, or is dismissed from the team due to rule violations; or disciplinary reasons, these fees are non-refundable. When your team is playing out of town, each parent is responsible for all meals and lodging or makes other arrangements if they are unable to accompany their child on trips. It is not the coaches' responsibility to do so.

Tournament fees will be billed separately depending on how many tournaments the team decides to participate in. When the team is formed the coach/players/parents will come to a decision of how many tournaments and how much travel they would like to do and that will determine the cost.

## **Fall Fees**

Training fee = \$749

Tournament fee= \$200-\$300

## **Spring Fees**

Training fee = \$999

Tournament fee= \$350-\$450

## **B. TRAINING AND COACHING ASSIGNMENTS**

1. Practices, camps, and clinics will be conducted by the Barracuda Aces coaching staff. On occasion, as coordinators/coaches determine, practices may be held with the direction and assistance of the SportsPlex West staff.
2. Tournament games are conducted by the game coach. A member of the SPW staff may attend.
3. Game coaches are required to report the results of each game to the Director of the program. Playing time will also be reported at that time.
4. Game coaches will be selected by the Director. Each team is different based on the uniqueness of the team.

## **C. COACHES Expectations**

Our aim is to develop *citizenship, teamwork, and fundamental* play. Coaches will, at all times, have the safety and general well-being of the players in mind. Our coaches will not intimidate players, embarrass them or ridicule them. Our coaches will treat the players with respect. All coaches will be held to the highest standard of child development and are ultimately responsible for answering to the Director.

1. All Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches are required to attend all softball clinics and practices prior to the beginning of fall practice, enhancing their teaching of the sport to help improve the skills of their players and to learn from the staff at SportsPlex West.
2. All coaches are asked to utilize the talents and abilities of everyone associated with their team; this includes parents, and other coaches outside the Barracuda Aces Organization.
3. All coaches are expected to aid other Barracuda Aces teams and assist with all Barracuda Aces functions including, but not limited to: tryouts, winter work outs, fall & spring clean-up of the practice field

## **D. PARENTAL PARTICIPATION – Expectations & Rules**

The success of the Barracuda Aces depends on the commitment of everyone in our organization. Parents are encouraged to attend practices and games. You may be called upon to help with practice drills, scorekeeping and other items. Game coaching responsibilities are assigned by the director to officially designated persons only.

### **Rules for Parents:**

1. We want the Barracuda Aces to be known as a “Class Organization” We ask that parents, relatives, and friends attending the games **absolutely do not abuse umpires, opposing coaches or players as well as our own players in any way.** Allow the players to play the game as they have been coached. **This rule will be strictly enforced.**
2. During games, parents are respectfully asked to remain a good distance away from the dugouts unless asked by the coaches. Players are instructed not to talk to their parents and friends while a game is in progress. Please allow the only adult contact with your daughter during a game to be the coaching staff.
3. Any parent challenging the authority of a Barracuda Aces coach will be asked to leave the team. Verbal or physical abuse of coaches will not be tolerated.
4. The Barracuda Aces Softball organization reserves the right to “suspend” parents from attending games at the discretion of the Director.
5. Parents that may have concerns or questions are required to follow proper procedure.

\*Never address the coach before, during or immediately following a game or practice. Make an appointment.

\* Always follow proper chain of command – Coach – Program Director – Director

\* Never discuss other players when addressing a concern

\* Email is not for conflict resolution. It is simply for fact gathering.

## **E. PLAYING TIME**

The Coach will determine the best playing positions for each child. It is the goal of the Barracuda Aces organization to put players in positions in which we feel each child will have the most success. Playing all positions is not a goal of the program, however, the Barracuda Aces coaching staff feels that players should experience multiple positions numerous times throughout the season.

## **F. PLAYERS – Rules and Expectations**

Every member of the team should recognize that the Barracuda Aces organization is a ‘First Class’ organization. Barracuda Aces softball will set the standard for a professionally ran youth sports program.

1. Players are not allowed to argue with coaches, parents or umpires for any reason.
2. Foul language and profanity are not tolerated at any time.
3. Good sportsmanship is a quality that is exemplified by our players. Taunting of your own, as well as opposing players, fans or umpires, will not occur.
4. Self-indulgence by players, such as hanging one’s head after an error or mental mistake, pouting over personal failure, will have no place on the team.

## **G. ENFORCEMENT OF RULES AND VIOLATIONS.**

The rules and expectations listed herein are in place to ensure the quality development of our teams while maintaining the integrity of our organization. Any (parents or players) violations of these rules will be handled by the following manner.

1. A formal warning will be issued and documented
2. A suspension from participation in at least one (1) game but no more than two (2) weeks will be issued and documented.
3. Possible expulsion from the Barracuda Aces Softball Organization.

## **H. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

Director



SportsPlex West Training Staff



Age Coordinator/Game Coaches



Parents

## **Barracuda Aces Youth Program**

The Barracuda Aces Youth Program is designed for softball players aged 11U-13U who want to play at the highest level. We strive to develop confident athletes on and off the field through focused instruction and a positive team culture. The Barracuda Aces Youth Program aims to compete with the best, both locally and regionally in tournaments. Barracuda Aces coaches are a combination of non-parent or parent coaches. The Barracuda Aces places strong emphasis on assigning coaches that have appropriate experience playing softball and/or strong experience to coach at the competitive level/age division.

## **What We Offer**

The Barracuda Aces Youth Program is a year-long program (August - June) and divided into two different seasons, Fall and Spring. We offer year-round training, development and playing opportunities, including:

### **Fall Season (August-October)**

- 2 practices per week at various locations including Sportsplex West in Waukee, Holiday Park in WDM and other local indoor and outdoor facilities.
- Development Nights
- 8 D1 training sessions
- Barracuda Pitching Academy x4
- Player Profiles
- Media and Combine Day
- 4-6 local and regional tournaments

### **Spring Season (February-June)**

- 2 practices per week at various locations including Sportsplex West in Waukee, Holiday Park in WDM, Norwalk Central and other local indoor and outdoor facilities.
- Development Nights
- 8 D1 training sessions
- Barracuda Pitching Academy x6
- Player Profiles
- Media and Combine Day
- 8-10 local and regional tournaments
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## **Program Fees**

Fees will be broken into two separate fees; training fees and tournament fees. Training fees. Training fees cover the expense of facility rentals, softballs and various training equipment, coaches pay, practices, facility maintenance, insurance, indoor facility, and director pay.

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Full uniform package (additional cost) = \$150-\$200

*The Barracuda Aces do offer optional team fundraising opportunities and scholarship opportunities.*

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**PARENT / PLAYER CONTRACT SIGNATURE FORM**

Please fill in and sign below. Return this page to Barracuda Aces Softball Attn: N. McCool 890 SE Olson Dr. Waukee, Iowa 50263 as soon as possible after reading and agreeing to the terms of the contract.

\_\_\_\_\_(Player Name) hereby accepts the foregoing contract, and all terms and conditions thereof.

Date of Birth verification \_\_\_\_\_(mm/dd/yyyy). On Jan 1<sup>st</sup> of the upcoming softball season, this Barracuda Aces player will be \_\_\_\_\_ years old

\_\_\_\_\_  
Player Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_ (must have this checked) **I have submitted my nonrefundable deposit** to make this contract official.

Parent/Guardian Contact information

Parent(s) Names \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Email(s) \_\_\_\_\_

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**MEDIA CONSENT**

For the purpose of promoting the Barracuda Aces Softball Club, I give consent for the above named player to have her image displayed on the SPW website or other promotional media used by the organization. Only team/club related information will be used in such promotions.

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Parent Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING THE *Barracuda Aces*!**