

Dear Parents,

Thank you very much for the opportunity to coach your daughter this year. The girls are a wonderful group of athletes. All of the girls have exhibited fantastic attitudes. At this time, I would like to explain my expectations for this year in order for us all to be on the same page.

First of all, I want all of you to know my softball philosophy for middle school. My goal is for each child to get playing time. I can't promise equal playing time or time period, but my goal is for them all to play. In order for players to continue to develop, they must have fielding time. Middle school softball is more than just right now, it is preparation for high school ball.

Practice is mandatory. If a player is at school, she must be at practice unless prior notice was given to me personally. They all have my phone number so there should be no excuse about notification. Timeliness is very important. For tardiness after school, the first offense is a warning. The second will result in running and the third time will be one missed game. When a player is late, it causes all of the other players to miss out on working as a team. Our practices will be after school practices, from 3:00-5:00. A player must be picked up 15 minutes after practice or the above consequences will be put into effect.

Character is very important. I expect my girls to exhibit good character both on and off the field. Therefore, they will be expected to have teachers sign off on a behavior checklist. I have attached an example so you will understand what I want to see. Hallway conduct will be taken into account on an individual level. If a poor behavior report is given, the same consequences as above will be in effect. The only difference being an extra step. Before a game will be missed, a player will lose one half of play.

Below are the guidelines for parents of the Hefner Vikings Basketball Program.

- **I will not force my child to participate**
- **I will pledge to actively monitor my child's academic progress and reinforce the importance of academic achievement**
- **I will remember that my child plays sports for their own enjoyment, not for mine**
- **I will learn the rules of the game and policies of the team**
- **I will teach my child to play by the rules of the game and resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence**
- **I will always maintain self-control and emotional discipline while at all events**
- **I will speak with the coaching staff in private should I have any questions, comments or concerns regarding my child or any child's well being**
- **I will leave coaching to the coaches and refrain from coaching my child or other players during games**
- **I will respect decisions made by coaches, officials and other team parents at all times**
- **I will support my child and my child's teammates in the most positive way possible**

My goal is to have a great time this season and play some great softball. The focus of everything I do is to do right by the girls. I am not perfect and do make mistakes, but that is always my intentions. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 405-721-2411 or email cpence@putnamcityschools.org. Please sign below that you have read and understand my expectations.

Thank you!
Ms. Carmen Pence

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