

Chelan Youth Fastpitch

Program Philosophy

The CYF Program intends to play an important role in the development of the young girls we are fortunate enough to coach. Our vision is to inspire these young girls to recognize and reach their full potential as student-athletes and members of the Lake Chelan community. We will strive daily to prepare all involved in our program for life as they grow and mature.

As players, parents and coaches, we are responsible for preparing for the season, for the decisions we make and for the effort we put forward. We will focus our energy on what we can control. This responsibility not only lies on the softball field; it lies in the classroom and in social settings as well. As a program, we will be held accountable for the decisions we make.

It is necessary that our program be built on commitment and trust. These two factors are at the foundation of all successful programs. The coaches in our program will make themselves available to its players when needed. We are very committed to the success of our players and the program. Through this commitment, we must develop a sense of trust. Our goal is to help each of our players reach their full potential and this only happens through commitment and trust.

Finally, we endorse clear and open lines of communication. Our players and parents should be completely comfortable communicating with the coaching staff about any and all issues. We are open to speak with players and parents about any issue. We also ask that parents keep their kids away from the conversation if/when issues arise. If the issue does not deal with safety and/or **MUST** be discussed immediately we ask that parents wait **24 hrs** to assess and potentially “cool off” before approaching coaching staff. This being said, we understand that communication may not always end in agreement. Please communicate with the staff when issues arise—don’t be shy and let things fester! Communication keeps everyone on the same page, builds trust and understanding and allows for growth and progress towards goals.

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Program Expectations

In any organization, the team concept is vital to organizational success. The CYF program consists of the coaching staff, players and parents. Each of these components contributes to the success of this organization.

Our **coaches** are expected to:

- Expect Success
- Be available to all players always
- Teach proper technique and fundamental softball skills
- Teach work habits and discipline
- Prepare a lineup for each game with players that give CYF the best chance to win
- Make all decisions that are in the best interest for the team and program
- Never ask a player to do something that we have not prepared them to do
- Advise and assist in helping players continue their softball career through high school

Our **players** are expected to:

- Represent CYF with class, character, and sportsmanship in the classroom, on the field, and in social settings
- Understand that being a part of our program is a privilege
- Accept responsibility for all actions—NO EXCUSES
- Embrace their role on the team
- Be a loyal teammate, placing team goals above personal goals
- Communicate directly to the staff
- Engage in all team activities unless excused by the staff
- Wear appropriate softball attire; jeans, shorts, tank tops, and crop tops are unacceptable.
- EXPECT SUCCESS

Our **parents** are expected to:

- Give positive support to all players through success and failure
- Understand the benefits for their child being involved in CYF regardless of their role, position, and/or playing time
- Refrain from negative comments directed at players, officials and other parents
- Allow the coaching staff to make decisions and do their job without interference
- Stay out of the dugout and or playing field at all times unless a designated helper/coach
- Help support the CYF program when needed and when possible

parent/guardian

date

parent/guardian

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player

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