

## **Expectations of the Athletes,**

### **In School:**

1. You are first and foremost a student, and then an athlete. We will follow Hopewell school policies as far as attendance standards are concerned.

2. Any player who receives detention, or other in-school sanction, will be disciplined by the softball coaching staff as well-this may include suspension if the infraction is viewed as serious.

3. Student- Athletes will be expected to keep their grades above average. Players may be kept out of practice for academic reasons at the discretion of the coaching staff.

### **Out of School:**

1. Since we consider you to be, at all times, a representative of this school and this program, your conduct outside of school is extremely important to us. Any behaviors which require the intervention of school officials (from this school district or any other) or law enforcement agents will be taken seriously. We as coaches reserve the right to sanction players whose behaviors we determine to be detrimental to this school or program.

2. We will abide ALL CMS and Hopewell policies regarding the use and abuse of chemicals. We as a coaching staff also reserve the right to act in a way that protects and serves the best interests of our TEAM—this may include further penalties or suspensions we deem appropriate.

### **Finally:**

The coaching staff will always act in the best interest of our TEAMS. Our decision will be based on what is good for all, not what is good for a single player at the expense of others. We reserve the right to ask you, the individual, at any time, to accept sanctions, punishments, or an invitation to leave the team in order to protect the integrity of the whole team. We reserve the right to make additions to team rules as we find it necessary, and to modify those which do not meet the needs of the program.

# Hopewell Titan Softball

## Program Overview

### **I. PHILOSOPHY**

- a. Make each player the best she can be
- b. Ability and work ethic dictates where she will play
- c. Competing in interscholastic athletics is a “privilege,” not a right!
- d. Successful teams have a closeness and closeness creates happiness
- e. Fair play is taught
- f. Winning is more fun than losing

### **II. WHERE IT STARTS**

- a. Being coachable/Playing in the position that helps the team!!
- b. Dedication
- c. Willing to get better

### **III. COACH THE KIDS AND DO WHAT WE THINK IS RIGHT**

### **IV. ESTABLISH GOOD COMMUNICATION WITH OUR ATHLETES, PARENTS, AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **V. WHAT WE BELIEVE IN**

- a. Use the talent we have to the fullest
- b. Allow younger players the opportunity to compete at the highest level they can handle.
- c. Having players be used in situations where they have the best chance to succeed and/or help the team.
- d. We take responsibility for physical errors. YOU take responsibility for mental errors!
- e. You will always get out of what you put into something!!

### **VI. OUR EXPECTATIONS OF TEAM MEMBERS**

- a. Dependability – be at practice every day
- b. Responsibility – communicate if you won't be at practice (see me by noon if possible)
- c. Accountability – hold yourself and teammates accountable
- d. Teamwork – everything you do has a (+) or (-) effect
- e. Positive Attitude – your attitude affects your actions
- f. HAVE FUN! Every day you should laugh and smile at practice...it's not a job!

**Attention Players: Make it your priority to work hard from the first day of practice to the final out of the season. If we all do that, then our team will succeed.**

**Keep in Mind: “Everyone wants to succeed, but it is those who are the most prepared that do succeed! Get It Done!!!**

### **Team Expectations**

1. Work hard and have fun!
2. Respect your coaches, teammates, and school officials.
3. Respect our field, and equipment.
4. Be on time for every team practice or team function.
6. Be chemical free! NO alcohol, tobacco, or controlled substance!
7. No swearing or throwing objects, such as bats, helmets, and gloves.
8. Wear the proper practice attire! The weather can change at any time so be prepared!!

### **Team Goals**

1. **Beat North Meck**
2. **Win Conference Championship**
3. **Win Regionals**
4. **Win the State Championship**
5. **Have as much fun as possible!**