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***PLAYER & PARENT CONTRACT***

***2023-2024***

**PARENTS:**

Please read this contract with your child and make sure you **BOTH** understand it. Any family violating these rules will be subject to disciplinary action appropriate to the infraction, up to and including game suspension or removal from the club with no financial refunds to the family. Any suspension or removal from the club would be subject to approval of the Board of Directors, after a conversation with the parent(s) via telephone or in person. **Once player commitments/deposits/payments are made to Michigan Storm Softball, no refunds will be given – NO EXECPTIONS.** ALL athletes AND parents involved with Michigan Storm Softball must observe the following contract.

**PLAY TIME:**

* Play time is determined based on attendance at practices, work ethic, ability, growth, attitude and effort. Michigan Storm is not a recreational league therefore does not dictate minimum play time or pitch count. Also, MS and HS athletics and academic commitments always take precedence over Michigna Storm. However, other outside club athletics do not and if you chose to attend these, play time may be affected.
* Players are encouraged to participate in their local little league program to help to continue to build quality athletes. However, if both Storm and their Little League have a practice, Storm players are expected to attend Storm practice and miss LL practice. If, however there is a game for one team and a practice for the other, the Storm player may play in the game as long as they give plenty of notice to both coaches. All Storm tournaments or games, ALWAYS trump little league game and tournaments and **we DO NOT support LL All Stars due to weekend conflicts.**
* Parents conduct at games and or practices may affect an athlete’s play time.

**I WILL:**

* Be a good sport (win or lose), be honest and fair.
* Learn the value of commitment to the team; sportsmanship, ethical conduct, and fair play.
* Show courtesy and respect to my teammates, opponents, parents, coaches and umpires.
* Know that athletic contests are educational experiences.
* Give complete attention to the instructions of my coaches and umpires.
* Respect any property where we may practice or play.
* Be on time for every practice and game.
* Have permission from my Lakeshore Storm head coach prior to playing for another travel team in a “pickup” tournament. And, if dealing with an injury, I will not consider asking to play as a pickup player so that I can recover from my injury and get healthy.
* Return all property of the club to the appropriate individuals at the end of the season.
* Behave in a respectable manner at all club activities.
* Get a Dr’s note releasing you back to practice/game play if you are injured and in the care of a Dr.
* HAVE FUN!

**I WILL NOT:**

* Use profanity, talk "trash", or taunt others before, during, or after any game.
* Display any unsportsmanlike behavior.
* Criticize my teammates, parents, coaches, umpires, or players from other teams.
* Act in any way that may incite spectators.
* Have my name on more than one travel team roster.
* **Play on another travel team as a pickup player unless prior approval is given by my Michigna Storm head coach.**
* Possess or use tobacco, alcohol, vaping, or any other drug.
* Use any form of social media that reflects poorly on myself, my team, coaches, or Lakeshore Storm Softball Club.

**PLAYERS SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**PRINT PLAYER’S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**PARENT’S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_DATE:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**