

# PHANTOM SOFTBALL 2021

## Team Procedures and Policies

Coach:  
Mr. Donnelly



### Softball Spirit Wear:

- We are offering a preseason opportunity to purchase officially licensed Phantom Softball Gear. Please check out the web address below to order. Orders are due by Midnight on April 9th.

<https://phxmssoftball2021.itemorder.com/sale>

### Physicals:

- Each athlete must have a completed physical form from PIAA before participating. Forms are due by Friday March 20<sup>th</sup> to Mr. Donnelly in room 301. They can be found at the following link. [http://pahs.pasd.com/athletics/athletics\\_forms\\_and\\_information](http://pahs.pasd.com/athletics/athletics_forms_and_information)

### Evaluation/Practice Schedule:

- The first official date of evaluations/practices will be held on Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. (We are on Spring Break so you may want to hand it in my March 26<sup>th</sup>)
- The schedule for the first week will be as follows and weather permitting.

Monday April 5<sup>th</sup> : All Athletes

Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup> : 8<sup>th</sup> All Athletes

Thursday April 8<sup>th</sup>: All Athletes

Friday April 9<sup>th</sup>: Decision Letters (JV or Varsity)

- Practice will end promptly at 4:15 pm.
  - Please pick up the athletes on time. If you cannot make the daily 4:15 pick up please arrange to car-pool with other parents.
- Athletes are **required** to attend practice as scheduled.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> unexcused absence will result in the player not starting the next game.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> unexcused absence will result in the player not participating in the next game.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> unexcused absence will result in dismissal from the team.
- Please do your best to schedule appointments around practices and games and let us know well in advance
- All Covid procedures outlined by PIAA and PASD will be strictly followed.

**Equipment** – Feel free to use to any or all of your own equipment. Make sure all equipment, especially bats, meet PIAA standards. Provided is a list of bats **not approved** for PIAA play. Make sure your bat is not on this list. <http://usa.asasoftball.com/e/BB1P2000.asp>

### **Tryouts and Evaluation:**

- The middle school softball program is **no-cut sport**. If you come out for the team, expect to find a place on the team and be a contributing member.
- However, the first week will primarily be an evaluations period. Players will be evaluated on their positions played, hitting, defense, pitching, base-running and any other facets of the sport.
- Our goal is to maximize each player's performance so they can be a valuable contributor to our team.
- Team Configurations will be determined based on the number of athletes evaluated. Ideally we would dress 12 players per game at the Varsity & JV level. Possible setup could include groups of 6 players that rotate games. (Purple, White, Black, Core teams) This will assure that you and your parents know what games you will be playing.

### **POLICIES**

**Academics:** - Academics absolutely come first! Please do your best to plan ahead and stay on top of your work. If players need extra help or time please be sure to see Mr. Donnelly.

**Behavior:** You represent PAMS softball both on the field and in school. Please make sure your behavior at PAMS allows for optimal playing time.

**Cell Phones** – Cell phones may only be used to communicate with parents or other people responsible for transportation. Cell phones are to remain away and off during all practices and games.

**Injuries** - If a player is injured they are expected to come to practice and get treatment by our school trainer. Deciding on your own not to practice is not an option. Also, a doctor's or trainer's note excusing you from practice because of injury is expected as opposed to a parental note.

**Transportation** – School district policy states that athletes are expected to take transportation to and from all away games. However, a Travel Release Form can be completed and signed, in **advance of the game**, if a parent wants to take her child home from the game. **Athletes can only travel home with parent; or legal guardian.**

### **Communication is Key!**

Any questions? Please feel free to contact Mr. Donnelly

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