



April 2, 2015

Dear U12 Softball Team Candidates and Parents,

Welcome to the Spring 2015 U12 Softball Program. This letter outlines the philosophy, expectations and logistical details of the spring season for the U12 Softball Teams.

Philosophy

Upper Canada College Preparatory School believes in encouraging a love of sport through the development of athletic character and skills. The athletic program values and develops sportsmanship through respect, compassion, integrity and discipline, as well as developing teamwork and a team commitment. Students will learn a strong work ethic through commitment to team ideals and perseverance to team goals. The school facilitates the growth of its students by encouraging students', coaches', and families' involvement in athletic education, leading to an increased sense of athletic purpose and self-confidence.

Coaches and players will work together to live up to the values and commitments in our philosophy.

Tryouts

Players will be selected not just on the basis of ability, but also on their attitude, their listening skills, their willingness to learn and try new things and their overall contribution to the team. For these reasons, we will focus on each candidate's:

- Demonstrated skill;
- Work ethic;
- Ability to listen and follow direction;
- Willingness to work with others;
- Punctuality and uniform.

It is always a difficult experience not to be included on a team roster. Parents can help their son learn from the experience by praising his best effort, and encouraging him to understand the reasons why he was not selected. By improving in these areas, it is not uncommon for these same players to challenge incumbents next year.

The first team selection will be posted on the basement notice board. Players who are not selected for the team are encouraged to report to tryouts for the Track and Field team. **Final team selection will be made by Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at the latest.** At that time, all players will be informed of whether they are on a team and if not, what their athletic options are.

Team Commitments

A strong commitment is needed for a player to be a member of any school representative team. We understand that many boys have outside commitments. We have discussed the Prep policy regarding absences from games with your son and we will outline it again here. We expect each player on the team to participate in every scheduled game. A player may miss only **two games** due to an outside commitment, but he must notify his coach at least one week in advance of the game date. No player may miss the entire mini-meet or CISAA championship tournament for any reason other than illness:

Mini-meet date: Saturday, April 25 morning (all teams will play 3 games on this morning)

CISAA championship tournament date: Saturday, May 23, all day.

If your son becomes ill or injured and is unable to attend a game, please notify the coach as soon as possible via phone and/or email. We recognize that absences due to illness or injury are not related to team commitment.

The costs associated with each team are typically around \$120.00 depending on the amount of travel. This includes a nominal uniform rental fee, bus travel to away games and a team photo.

The best way to access information about our team and schedule is through the UCC website. Click on this [U12 A Schedule](#) and [U12 B Schedule](#) to access the U12 Softball schedules (note that you must check both the A and B team schedules). **Click on this [link](#) (must be completed by April 14) to fill in our online form to confirm your son's commitment.** It is possible that this schedule may change as the season progresses due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Any change will be announced to your son as soon as possible and updated on the website www.ucc.on.ca.

Uniform

The team uniform includes:

- Team jersey, softball pants and belt (on loan to players for the season for a nominal charge)
- Cleats
- Water bottle
- Cap (UCC caps are available at the Prep Shop. It is the same as last year if you were on the Form 5 Team)

Students who do not wear their full uniform will be ineligible to play that day, but will be expected to travel with the team.

Sincerely,

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