

## Upper Canada College Athletics

### U14 Prep Softball Preview and Commitment Letter

Dear U14 Softball Players and Parents,

April 2, 2015

Welcome to the 2015 U14 Prep Softball Program. This letter outlines the philosophy, expectations and details of the upcoming season.

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

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

#### 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 **one game** 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 CISAA championship tournament** for any reason other than illness.

The best way to access information about our team and schedule is through the UCC website. Click on this [link](#) to access the U14 Gr. 7 softball schedule, click on this [link](#) (**must be completed by April 7**) 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.

**Uniform:**

The team uniform includes:

- Team jersey and pants (loaned to players for the season for a nominal charge)
- Blue UCC ball cap (to be picked up at Prep Shop or used from previous years)
- UCC track suit
- White athletic socks
- Baseball cleats (rubber or plastic only)
- Optional white UCC T-shirt or long-sleeved shirt worn underneath team jersey
- Water bottle (optional)

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

A voice mailbox has been set up to aid in communication 416-488-1125, press 1, then:

**Ext. 4004** – this line is for travel information. If a team is late returning from a match we will leave a message stating when we will arrive.

Sincerely,

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