Firecrackers Cook/Horton 2023-2024 Season

Welcome to our Firecrackers family! We are excited to kick off our Fall season! This packet will contain the information you need to know to help us all have a season full of success, growth and fun.

Our Mission:

Our mission is to provide a level of training to our players that ensures the highest level of social and athletic development and growth.

Playing the game professionally, having self-respect, and respecting others are the core values that this program was built upon. Being a Firecracker means you understand that you are beautiful, certain of yourself, and very capable of playing this game. Most importantly, you are striving to make the decisions that will provide you with happiness for the rest of your life.

Our organization is dedicated to the progressive advancement of players both as athletes and young ladies. It is our goal as a team to teach our players important life lessons through the game of softball, such as discipline, hard work, commitment, perseverance and the value of teamwork.

Monthly Dues:

\$200 per player per month payable via Venmo to @fc-cook-horton on the 1st of every month beginning on September 1, 2023. These dues will go toward Firecrackers organizational dues (\$410 per team per month), team insurance, tournament/showcase costs, friendlies, miscellaneous team equipment, miscellaneous recruiting promotional costs, fields/cages, and SportsRecruits program.

Yearly Startup Fees 23/24 season:

\$300 per player payable via Venmo to @fc-cook-horton no later than August 18th, 2023. This fee will cover the following costs:

Player and coaches Alliance memberships/mandatory Coach background checks: \$50 per player, \$60 per coach, plus processing fee.

Athletes Go Live membership: \$150 per player plus processing fees.

501c3 for our team: \$275

Tax filing for 501c3: \$150

Uniforms/Equipment:

Firecrackers Practice DriFit with numbers (2) \$58

Visors (2) \$40

Gluv uniform pants (3) \$144

Reversible Game Jerseys (1) \$80

Evoshield Custom XVT 2.0 Helmet (1) \$95.99

*Evoshield Tone Set Bag (1) \$79.99

Full pinstriped Louisville Slugger uniform (1) \$157.50

Socks (2) \$30

Belts (3) \$15

Total Cost: \$755.00 per player (including tax)

*catchers add \$48 for Evoshield Standout wheeled bag or add \$100 for Evoshield Stonewall wheeled bag.

Due no later than Friday, September 1st, 2023.

Firecrackers Gear:

The official Firecrackers gear website is: https://gear.firecrackersoftball.com

<u>Trademarked Logos:</u>

Firecracker Softball, Inc. has been nationally trademarked.

Production or reproduction of apparel, accessories, equipment or anything else bearing the Firecracker name or logos is STRICTLY prohibited. Violators of our trademark may be fined up to \$500 for each offense or possible dissolution of the team. To obtain permission for use of official logos, contact Juliana at juliana@firecrackersoftball.com

^{*}please contact us if payment arrangements need to be made.



Firecracker membership:

Firecrackers get exclusive prices and access to our proven methods for success in today's softball business world. By wearing the Firecracker name, your value increases, and your costs will be reduced instantly. As a Firecracker, your value is important to us. Listed below are some of the values we return to you:

1. FC Online (Exclusive content: Skills, Videos, Documentaries and more)

- FC Softball School - EDUCATIONAL

Non-FC cost: Avg. \$25 per course - TOTAL \$250 for all courses

FC cost: included in membership (FREE)

https://fcsoftballschool.com/p/home PROMO CODE: 22FCSCHOOL23

2. Recruiting Support & Guidance

- Dedicated Recruiting Advisory Board

Updates occur weekly during our online national meetings.

FC cost: included in membership (FREE)

- SportsRecruits - HUGE Savings

Non-FC cost: \$100-\$120 per team/monthly (\$1,500-\$1,800 annually)

FC cost: \$58 per team per month (\$700/team annually)

The mission of SportsRecruits is "Empowering Student-Athletes To Pursue Their Dreams." They provide trusted and accurate data around the recruiting process. Student-athletes shouldn't have to wonder if interest from college coaches is real. After a comprehensive survey of many recruiting platforms, the Firecrackers have chosen SportsRecruits as a best-in-class provider to help our players connect with colleges and universities. We have used our leverage to negotiate a team price that is extremely reasonable. In addition, SportsRecruits provides us with the highest quality customer service and care.

- 3. Exclusive Vendor Savings & Access:
 - Wide variety of uniforms and gear with countless combinations.
 - All Wilson brands-Louisville Slugger, DeMarini, Wilson, EvoShield, ATEC, New Balance, Bownet, and 100% Sunglasses.

FC discounts included in membership

- 4. Team Management Tools
 - Lineup Planning, Budgeting, and more
- 5. Networking & Community
 - Monthly "Players Direct" meeting with Tony Rico
 - Weekly Zoom coaches meeting

FC cost: included in membership

PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

Demonstrate thankfulness for what you have with the way that you play the game!

Behavior – Posture – Expression – Entertainment

- Have fun and play hard
- Dress professionally
- Play with a professional mindset. Play with Honor. Play like a FIRECRACKER.
- Treat the field like a stage and entertain those that are watching you.
- Design a persona or image that you know will be attractive to recruiters, coaches, family members, and other players.
- Respect everyone at the ballpark. Respect your opponents, umpires, and opposing players and their families.
- Show respect to yourself and your opponents after the game, regardless of the outcome.
- You do not have to like all of your teammates or your coaches, but you must show them respect and kindness.
- Manage your social media. Do not damage your professional reputation by posting inappropriate personal pictures or comments that can be perceived as undesirable by college coaches, family members, coaches, or other players.

Print Player Name:	
Player Signature:	Date:

PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

We want our parents to be able to sit back and enjoy watching their daughters play softball in a professional manner. Our organization strives to provide the stage to do so.

- It is your responsibility to have a clear understanding of your verbal or written contract for monies given to your team. If there is a dispute at any time, please submit documentation to Firecracker Softball headquarters of the original agreement followed by what was not provided by the team.
- When filing a formal complaint, please submit documentation, pictures, and or videos for review by Firecracker Softball, Inc. Anonymous communication and venting phone calls will be considered as emotional-based content and not taken into account.
- Firecracker Softball, Inc. is not responsible for monies owed from person-to-person, person-to-team, team-to-person, or team-to-team.
- Parents in the FC organization are held accountable to the same standards and behavior as the coaches and players.
- Treat all coaches, umpires, players, and parents in this and other organizations with RESPECT.

Print Parent Name:		
Parent Signature:	Date:	