

PARENT MEETING TEMPLATE

AAFA requires Parents' Meetings to be conducted prior to the Season's start. You can use this template to ensure you get all the information into the meeting that is needed.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

The success of the team is most often led by parent volunteers. With you, the Head Coach, at the helm, you should utilize your parents as much as possible so that you can exclusively focus on team building and skills development.

Your Team Manager should be your point person to the parents, managing all communications and scheduling for practices and games. They will also lead any fundraising efforts and work with you to manage the team's bank account and tournament scheduling.

To lighten the load on your Team Manager, it is recommended that you identify a Jersey Manger who will navigate all communications between the AAFA Apparel Coordinator and your team, to acquire and return the jersey's for the season.

Identify your Scorekeeper early and give them all the tools they need to submit the scores from each game.

Identify your umpire approach early with the team, appointing someone to lead the efforts of either attaining an umpire for each (home) game or that will umpire the home games.

The contact list on the next page is designed to ensure you capture a parent or guardian for all of the positions needed, to ensure that you can stay focused on coaching.

Once determined please email the following to the AAFA Vice President (vicepresident@airdrieangels.com):

- Asst. Coaches
- Team Manager
- Jersey Manager

TEAM CONTACTS

Please ensure that these contacts are passed on to the AAFA board, by emailing them to vicepresident@airdrieangels.com.

POSITION	NAME	EMAIL	PHONE
Head Coach			
Team Manager			
Jersey Manager			
Asst. Coach			
Asst. Coach			
Asst. Coach			
Bench Mom			
Scorekeeper			
Umpire			
Umpire			
First Aid			

EQUIPMENT

AAFA requires parents to outfit their Athlete in the following for Games & Practices:

- Airdrie Angels Jersey* ~ neatly tucked in. (Practices Optional)
- Navy Ball Pants (Practices Optional)
- Red Belt (Practices Optional)
- Red Knee-High Socks* (games)
- Ball Glove
- Jyl protective gear
- CSA approved helmet, with dual ear flaps, fastened chin strap, and attached face mask
- Proper footwear, being running shoes or cleats. Cleats are highly recommended. NO metal cleats or spikes.
 - Crocs, clogs, sandals, bare feet are NOT permitted.
- Exposed jewelry is NOT permitted.
- ALL pitchers must use an approved fielding mask for all levels U9 and above.

Optional

- Approved fielding masks for in/outfielders;
- Hats, Visors;
- Short or long sleeve under shirts;
- Hoodies, Crew Neck, Sweatshirts;
- Jackets;
- Joggers, Shorts, T-Shirts (practices only)

*Red socks are provided to each player as part of the registration fees. Jerseys are provided to use for the duration of the season. Jerseys that are not returned by the return date outlined by the AAFA Board, or that are returned unwashed, stained, or damaged will result in a \$75 FEE being applied to your RAMP account. Failure to pay this fee may affect future registrations or transfer requests.

All other Required Gear can be purchased from our partner at East Side Sports or from a sporting goods store of your choice.

Airdrie Angels branded apparel can also be purchased from East Side Sports or Graphnix. Players can visit www.airdreangels.com for more information.

For more information please refer to the AAFA Policies & Procedures.

TEAM OBJECTIVES

- Focus will be on overall player/team development.
- Compete at a high level - this has nothing to do with winning, but it may be an outcome of it.
- Listen, learn, and have FUN!
- Our team will operate on the values of sportsmanship, skill, commitment, and competition.

TEAM RULES

All players (and their parents) are expected to:

- RESPECT the game, your opponent, your teammates, your coaches, your parents and most importantly YOURSELVES.
- Never Question an Umpire's call and never throw your bat or glove in frustration. Consequence = bench for the rest of the game (minimum).
- Inappropriate actions or words targeted at opposing players, parents or coaches will not be tolerated. Consequence = bench for the rest of the game (minimum).
- Our Social Media Policy is very important to us and will not be taken lightly. This is a zero-tolerance policy. Please read and understand the policy and the consequences.
- ONLY team players and coaches on the benches - no siblings, friends, or parents please.
- During games and practices, I ask that COACHES are the only ones COACHING. This will ensure that the girls are not getting mixed messages or confused about what is being asked of them.
- We Strongly encourage parents to work with their daughters at home, please ask the coaches to advise on our teaching strategy to ensure we are consistent.
- Uniforms tucked in, hair pulled back and no jewelry.
- We ask that athletes be at the diamond 30/45/60 minutes (warm-up timeline is at the coaches discretion) prior to the start of the game. This is to allow time for warm-up, a team meeting, and mental game preparation.
- If you are going to be late, please let the coach or team manager know as soon as you can so they can plan for it.
- Make sure any injuries, from ball or otherwise are made aware to the coaches.
- Make sure the medical form has all allergies listed and you have a plan to administer any medications if required.
- If you are going to miss a game or practice, please let the coaches know as early as possible, preferably no less than 48 hours before the games or practice.
- AAFA has a 24-hour rule when it comes to any issues with coaches or team/league officials. After 24 hours these concerns can be brought to the team manager, from there they will be handled according to the policy.
- **Players, Parents, & Coaches are to sign their respective CMSA Code of Conduct form.**
 - All forms are available in the Coaches Tools tab on the website.

PLAYING TIME

Competitive teams will make playing time FAIR but not EQUAL. Non-Competitive teams should have more distributed playing time. Please let your parents know either way how you intend to handle playing time.

CITY CHAMPIONSHIPS

All Girls will get to play, but we WILL be taking a more competitive approach when it comes to positional play.

TOURNAMENTS

All Girls will get to play, but we WILL be taking a more competitive approach when it comes to positional play. The goal of the tournament is to compete.

PROVINCIALS

AAFA Encourages all teams to go to provincials. However, this decision ultimately falls to all the parents and team members. PLEASE NOTE: during provincial play only the 9 players on the field will be batting, this is different than league and tournament play.

PRACTICES & KEY DATES

AAFA STRONGLY encourages all coaches to hold team practices. Work out with your team a date for practices. Practices are the way your team will get better. Coaches if possible, prepare a list of key dates for you parents ahead of this meeting. Include the CMSA opening tournament, league game days and times, possible tournaments, city championship dates, as well as provincials' dates and location.

DATE/TIME	TOURNAMENT/EVENT	LOCATION

THANK YOU ALL FOR COMING!

WE ARE ALL EXCITED & CAN'T WAIT TO GET STARTED!