



VIRGINIA “CLASS ACTION”  
SCRAPPERS SOFTBALL CLUB

Parent Handbook

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# MISSION

The Virginia “Class Action” Scrappers mission has been and continues to be “to maintain the best quality team for tournament play and provide the opportunity for exposure to college coaches dependent upon each athlete’s abilities and work ethic”. The Scrappers Organization is committed to placing each team in the best tournaments possible and preparing them to perform to the best of their abilities when given this opportunity. This requires parents, players, coaches and board members to all work together to provide training, equipment and travel. We also need to set and maintain certain expectations for behavior, sportsmanship, participation, and effort so college coaches can see that this organization’s athletes realize what it takes to play at the next level. The Scrappers take pride in many accomplishments we have achieved to date and hope to assist your daughter in reaching her goals.

The Virginia “Class Action” Scrappers Softball Club is dedicated to helping its players attain scholarships for their education by playing softball at the college level. Our organization prepares its players for college not only by developing their softball skills on the field but by putting an equally important emphasis on their grades in high school and their academic development. The Scrappers know that its players must develop their skills both physically, mentally, and academically.

High quality tournament play is necessary to give each player the opportunity to be seen by colleges. Our college showcase tournaments are chosen to fit our players both academically and for their athletic ability. We give every player the opportunity to be seen by college coaches by playing in these highly competitive tournaments that provide maximum exposure these college coaches.

Our tournament schedule for our 10U, 12U, and 14U teams are chosen to provide the best quality opponents for each player’s skills development.

# TEAM COMMITTEES AND COORDINATORS

Each team requires the support of several parent volunteers. Listed below are various team responsibilities and a brief description of their duties. None of our teams can function properly without the help from each and every parent, so you are encouraged to support your team by fulfilling at least one of the following responsibilities.

**Reservations** - Responsible for making travel arrangements (hotel and amenities). Notify every parent of arrangements so they can secure their reservations.

**Bingo Coordinators** - Coordinates and schedules workers for Bingo.

**Water / Drink Person** - Carries and maintains the water cooler for each game.

**Banner Person** - Responsible for transporting and placement of the banner for each game.

**Stat Person / Scorekeeper** - (named by head coach for each team) this person will keep score at all games in the team scorebook.

**Merchandise** - One member from each team should be familiar with items for sale (jackets, hats, window decal, etc), take orders and money from team parents, collect and distribute ordered items.

**Website** – Responsible for updating team website with pictures, roster, schedules, results, etc

# CONDUCT

The Virginia “Class Action” Scrappers mission is to help prepare your daughter to play college softball. Part of that preparation is learning set expectations of behavior. We expect our coaches and board members to treat each parent and player with respect. We expect parents and players to do the same. The board and our coaches will deal with any behavior that we deem to be detrimental to the organization.

To clarify our expectations, we have developed a code of conduct which is included on a subsequent page. Parents and players are required to read and sign this code in order to participate.

## Violations of Scrapper Conduct:

If any player is criminally charged with a misdemeanor offence and is found guilty (also includes, plea of no contest and taken under advisement by judge) then that player will be subject to the following:

1<sup>st</sup> offence – 10 hours of service to the Scrappers Organization

2<sup>nd</sup> offence – 1 day suspension from a tournament

3<sup>rd</sup> offence – discharged from the organization

# EQUIPMENT

Each player will receive a set of equipment at the beginning of the upcoming season. This includes uniforms, a batting helmet, socks, sliding shorts, knee protectors, helmet hanger, and equipment bag. The uniforms, equipment bag, helmet, and helmet hanger must be returned at the end of the year in the same condition in which it was issued with the exception of normal wear. Care of the uniforms and equipment are the responsibility of the parents and players. The organization will repair or replace any equipment that is defective or damaged during play. Any damage or loss due to improper care or neglect will need to be covered at the expense of the player or parents. If any Scrappers equipment is not returned the player's parent(s) will be responsible for paying the replacement cost for those items. Each player and parent must sign a uniform agreement at the time the uniforms are issued. Any missing items must be reported to the head coach at that time

Experience has shown that some of the following items may come in handy throughout the season. These include:

- Bug Spray
- Sunscreen
- Shoelaces
- Glove Repair Kit
- Hair Bands
- Various hygiene items

The organization cannot be responsible for any personal equipment. This includes bats, gloves, cleats, and any other personal gear. Players must learn to be responsible for their own gear.

# DISPUTE RESOLUTION

If you have a dispute or concern about your daughter's coach, we want to make sure your concern is addressed. Please speak first with the coach directly. Many of the concerns or issues can be handled this way without involving others. In the event that a player or parent wants to discuss a matter with the coach, please allow a day or two after the dispute or issue comes to light. This "cooling off" period prevents emotions from getting in the way of a productive discussion and usually leads to a satisfactory resolution between the coach and parent/player. If an issue is not resolved, board involvement may be necessary. A member of the executive board may be contacted and the board member or members will take the appropriate course of action.

Likewise, if a coach has an issue with a player or parent, we would expect the coach to first have a meeting with you before coming to the board.

# FUNDRAISING

Participation in fundraising efforts is mandatory. Our biggest fundraiser is Bingo, but we may have other events throughout the year to raise money. Parents will be scheduled to work these events. Every effort will be made to coordinate schedules, but once you are scheduled to work, it is up to you to work or find a replacement. Obviously there will be occasional extenuating circumstances such as emergencies that prevent you from performing your duties. In case of that emergency, we ask that you do what you can to communicate with your team coordinator to let them know. Repeated no-shows will result in removal of the player from their team.

We also require the payment of a player's fee. This fee may vary from year to year depending on our success in raising money through other means.

## **Current Fundraising Events:**

### **Bingo**

We host Bingo every Friday night throughout the year at Happy's Flea Market on Williamson Road. Each team has a Bingo Coordinator who will create the work schedule and distribute it to everyone. Each player's parents will on average have to work 6 Friday nights. If a player's parents work together to fill those slots on the same night it only takes each set of parents 3 Friday nights a year to complete their obligation. Bingo is held from 5:00 pm until approximately 10:30 pm.

### **Clinics**

We do a small number of clinics in the spring to earn practice time on county and city fields. These generally require all coaches to participate as well as players from higher age groups.

### **ASA Virginia "Class Action" Scrappers College Showcase Tournament**

We host one tournament, the ASA Virginia "Class Action" Scrappers College Showcase, in the fall. Some parents and players will be scheduled to work the gates, operate scoreboards, and perform various other duties for a single 4 hour block during that weekend.

### **Scrappers Golf Tournament**

During the spring the Scrappers host a golf tournament. This fundraiser takes no work from any parent or player other than helping to promote this tournament and finding golf players/teams and corporate sponsors.

### **Mad Dash at Greenhill 5k**

Every spring the Scrappers co-host this 5k run with the William Byrd Cross Country team. This event requires no parent or player work other than promoting this event and helping to find runners.



**CODE OF CONDUCT AND RULES  
FOR PLAYERS OF VIRGINIA  
"CLASS ACTION" SCRAPPERS SOFTBALL CLUB**

**Players will:**

- 1) Respect the game, play fairly, and follow its rules and regulations
- 2) Show respect for authority and be courteous to the officials, coaches, and visiting team
- 3) Play hard and to the limit of ability
- 4) Retain your composure at all times and never enter the playing field to engage in a confrontation. Do not leave the bench during a game. **Parents will not be allowed in the dugout.**
- 5) Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat
- 6) Maintain a high degree of physical fitness by observing team and training rules
- 7) Demonstrate your loyalty to the club by maintaining a satisfactory scholastic standing
- 8) Set a high standard of dress. When wearing uniform clothing, always have your jersey properly buttoned and your shorts appropriately worn.
- 9) Always respect the privilege of the use of public facilities and keep them clean.

**Specific Rules:**

- 1) Training: In order to achieve the goal of maximum effort and efficiency, athletes must get proper rest, eat right and train effectively. The use of any form of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, stimulants, steroids or other illegal substances is prohibited. **The use, possession and/or distribution of any of these substances will lead to dismissal from the team and will result in being sent home from a tournament.** Disregard of the training rules set by the head coach will lead to disciplinary action by the head coach. This organization is not established to provide parenting supervision. If the players cannot abide by the curfews and stay in their rooms when directed, they will be sent home.
- 2) Punctuality: Athletes are expected to arrive at practices and games at the pre-established times.
- 3) Attendance: Attendance for games and practices is required as established by the head coach.
- 4) Travel: All players must travel, eat and lodge with their team according to club arrangements.
- 5) Injuries: All injuries must be reported to the Head Coach immediately.
- 6) Attendance at Parties: Athletes are discouraged from attending parties where illegal drugs and alcohol will be used and abused. Athletes found to be attending these functions are subject to dismissal from the team.

I have read, understand and agree to the above stipulations for participating in the Virginia "Class Action" Scrappers Softball Club.

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Date

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Player's Signature

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Parent's Signature

General Information Sheet

Each parent will be given a team roster with email, fax, cell phone, and work phone information along with general information. This will be a very valuable tool for both in-town Scrapper business as well as out-of-town team travel.

**Player's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player's Date of Birth** \_\_\_\_\_ **CAS Team:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player's Grade/School** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player's SS # (for insurance)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player's email address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Work Phone/Cell** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother's Work Phone/Cell** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address (Dad)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address (Mom)** \_\_\_\_\_

**If you prefer not to be called at a certain number do not list it. Also, occupation is listed only to help us determine where we can best use your skills in the organization, whether it is administratively, marketing, working clinics, sign-making, etc. We always need help in all areas. Thanks.**

**VIRGINIA "CLASS ACTION" SCRAPPERS SOFTBALL CLUB  
MEDICAL HISTORY FORM**

Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: 10U 12U 14U 16U 18U

Notify In Case of Emergency: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

History of Serious Illness or Injuries? Yes or No. If yes, please explain:

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Do you currently have or have you had in the past any of the following illnesses or conditions:

Asthma	_____	Convulsions or Epilepsy	_____
Diabetes	_____	Fainting	_____
Heart Disease	_____	Hearing Problems	_____
Hi/Lo BP	_____	Heat Prostration	_____
Hernia	_____	Menstrual Disorder	_____

If yes to any of the above, please explain

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Are you presently on any medication? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no If yes, please give type, condition and dosage.

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Are you allergic to any medication, i.e., ibuprofen, Tylenol, etc. \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

If yes, please list. \_\_\_\_\_

Other allergies, i.e. beestings, etc.? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

If yes, please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wear glasses? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no Do you wear contacts? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no

Past athletic injuries? \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no If yes, explain.

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The above answers are true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I hereby grant permission to the Virginia "Class Action" Scrappers Softball Club and its coaches and/or their consulting physician to render to my daughter any treatment or seek additional medical treatment that they deem reasonably necessary to the health and well being of my child.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

