



Sioux Falls Diamonds Core Practice Facility Rules

As a member of the Diamonds Fastpitch Softball Club you are responsible for upholding the following rules:

- A. **If a club team would like more than the standard 3 hours per week of team practice time, there will be an additional usage fee charged per hour and you must speak with a member of the ownership team to schedule/approve this additional time.** This means that if you want to have your pitchers and catchers practice together outside of your set 3 hours, that you must arrange and pay for this additional facility use. Parents can use the facility at no extra charge with **only** his /her daughter(s).
- B. Only players and coaches of the Diamonds softball club that are ASA/USSSA insured are allowed to be out on the practice field (including batting cages and pitching lanes) during team practice times. Siblings, friends, and parents of players **MUST** remain in the designated waiting area by the front entrance while team practices are being held – **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!**
- C. Outside parties may on occasion rent the facility but only with the approval of the ownership team and a formal rental agreement with the interested party and the ownership team.
- D. Helmets must be worn anytime a player is swinging a bat. Batting is allowed with “hard” softballs in the batting cages only.
- E. Anyone under the age of 18 must wear their catching helmet or a face mask when catching a pitcher. That means even when you are just starting your warm-up.
- F. When a team is using their assigned practice time, they are entitled to ONE batting cage, ONE pitching lane, and ONE turfed field. “Softie” softballs must be used for throwing/fielding drills and are provided by the club.
- G. Every member of the club will have open access to the CORE daily from 8am to 10pm. If you are coming into the CORE with your daughter for individual time you must respect the team that has that assigned time slot for practice before using the batting cages or pitching lanes. The open access is a privilege that is granted to all members. If abuses of this privilege begin to occur – the ownership team has the right to suspend the benefit of open access. Possible abuses include but are not limited to:
 1. Disrespecting the assigned teams practice time – ask the practicing team coaches for permission before assuming you can use any part of the practice field. Common courtesy will go a long way!
 2. We have pre-approved individuals that provide lessons in our facility so you must be courteous to their use of the space as well. You may NOT “invite” any individuals into the building to give your daughter lessons unless the management team has approved them.
 3. Unauthorized siblings, family members, or non-approved parties out on the practice field or in batting cages/pitching lanes.
 4. If the building is left unlocked/unsecured. There are offices and a lot of equipment in the CORE that the club will be providing to all of its members – we ask that all members be respectful of the facility and equipment being provided.
 5. If there is an issue with property/equipment damage, theft of equipment, or excessive uncleanliness.
- H. The only door that should be used for daily access in and out of the building is the south east door. All other exits are for emergency purposes only. When you leave the facility, please ensure that all doors in the facility are locked and that all of the lights are turned off. This is the responsibility of all club members.

- I. The thermostat is set at a constant of 53 degrees year round. This means that **no one** should touch the thermostats - **Please leave these alone**. Encourage your players to dress warm during the winter months when practicing in the Core.
- J. It is everyone's responsibility to keep the facility clean and free from damage. Always clean up when you are finished using the facility by picking up all balls/equipment and put it in its proper place. We also ask that you please clean up any messes that you may find and that you report any damages to a member of the ownership team.
- K. Any questions or concerns regarding the CORE should be directed to a member of the ownership team.

Please use caution whenever you are in the facility. Always be aware of safety issues and always make sure you are using the space in the proper manner. Use the designated areas for their designed purpose.

RELEASE FORM AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Assumption of risk: I am aware that recreation and sporting activities may be dangerous or hazardous activities. I am voluntarily participating in this activity with knowledge of the dangers involved. I hereby agree to accept any and all risk of injury or death or damage to personal property.

In consideration of the right and privilege for use of the CORE facilities for participation in the Sioux Falls Diamonds Softball Club activities, extended to the below named minor, I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of said minor, do hereby unconditionally release and forever discharge the said Sioux Falls Diamonds Softball Club; its officials, agents, coaches, successors, and assigns, of and from all manner of actions, causes and causes of actions, suits, debts, controversies, executions, claims, demands for any and all injuries to said minor and/or any damage to or loss of property arising or occasioned by the participation of said minor in the Sioux Falls Diamonds Softball Club activities.

It is my intention by this agreement to relieve the Sioux Falls Diamonds Softball Club and its agents from liability for personal injury, property damage or wrongful death caused by negligence. I have carefully read and fully understand "Core Practice Facility Rules" as stated by the Sioux Falls Diamonds Softball Club. I have carefully read, fully understand its contents, and agree to abide by the rules set forth. I am aware that this is a release of liability for future claims and is a contract between myself and signs it on my own free will.

Player's Name (print): _____ DOB : _____

Signature of parent/guardian: _____ Date: _____

(If participant is under 18 years of age, this document needs to be read and signed by a parent or guardian of minor.)