

WEST



SOFTBALL

WELCOME

The success of our program going forward will be based off the hard work on and off the diamond and your talent alone will not be the deciding factor. There is a difference here at West, a difference that we strive to maintain for many years to come. The standards and expectations in this packet have a lot to do with the process. We hope that this info will help you understand the commitment needed financially, time, and attitude that are involved with being a Panther Softball player.

STANDARDS

GRADES

Players can try out with a GPA of 2.0 or higher. However, the academic expectations are much higher for this program and players with a GPA lower than 2.5 will be expected to meet specific contract goals in order to maintain playing status.

BEHAVIOR

All players are expected to exhibit the highest standards of behavior on and off the field. We are representatives of West High and our community. As such, you are expected to display behavior that earns respect for West High School at all times. In addition to strict adherence to the UHSAA behavioral contract, players are expected to **refrain from profanity, cheating, negative comments, gossip, emotional or physical abuse, racism, and any other behavior that reflects badly on our program or community. This includes photos, videos, and words shared on social media websites. The expectation is that we are respected not only for our quality of play, but for our character as well.**

All players and parents are required to sign the UHSAA behavioral contract. Please understand that infractions of this contract can result in suspension for as little as a single game, or for an entire season. The decisions are not in our hands. They are handled at the administrative and UHSAA level. We do not play a role in the decisions and it is not up to us to grant leniency or mediate discipline. Please do not put us or your fellow teammates in a bad position by choosing to break your commitment to them through selfish behaviors on your part. Your signature on the UHSAA contract is part of your commitment to being the best teammate possible. Infractions of the contract are based on selfishness and defiance. These are behaviors that have no place in the West program.

TIME EXPECTATIONS

PRACTICES

Monday thru Friday, some Saturdays

JV/Varsity: Weekday practices will be held between 3:30 and 6:00. Some variations may occur for school events or captain led activities. Saturday mornings should be kept free for practices as needed. Most team activities lead by our Captains occur on Fridays and/or Saturdays.

GAMES

The JV/Varsity schedule is attached. Other than tournaments, JV plays on the same days as varsity. **All JV and varsity players are expected to be in the dugout during both JV and Varsity games.** Varsity games begin at 3:30; JV plays right after the varsity and has a 1.5 hour time limit.

ACTIVITIES

Many team activities are scheduled throughout the season. The unity that this team is built upon will be developed from these activities. **Thus, they are not to be considered optional.** Players are expected to be at all team activities. A schedule with specific dates for activities will come out once the team is set and captains have had time to identify desired activities and dates.

SPRING BREAK:

In order to facilitate family time, but also be prepared for our region competition, there will be no team practices from April 10th – 14th. We will continue back with practice on Monday April 17th. Opportunities for small group and/or one on one time will be available for those that desire time with the coaches during the break. **All players will be expected to maintain their conditioning during the break.**

TRYOUTS

Tryouts will begin Feb 27th. Start times will be at 3:30pm after school. It will be a one-day tryout opportunity. If you are not able to make it, please make arrangements with coach Lopati. For those that are unable to attend the parent meeting, please check the West High website under softball on Tuesday, Feb. 28th for player parent info.

Due to the potential for bad weather, times are subject to change. Please keep your schedule as free as possible during the tryout date of February 27th. If weather forces us inside, we will be coordinating with five other groups and Parent Teachers Conferences so we ask that you be flexible and patient with changes that might be necessary.

CLOTHING: Be prepared to play both inside and out every day. This means that, in addition to your playing gear, you need to have **both** tennis shoes and cleats, sweats, warm head and hand gear, **and water** every session. Players should also bring a change of sweats and socks for days we start outside then move into the gym.

FINANCES

Players can expect the following personal expenses:

1) Participation fee: \$50.00 due by March 3rd

2) Spirit Pack:

Travel Gear, Sweat Outfit	\$55.00
Game Visors (2)	\$24.00
Game Socks (3) solid red and black	\$22.50
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3) Tournament of Champions, Laughlin, NV March 9th – 12th

Transportation	\$ 0
Hotel	\$ 150 per player
Tournament Fee	\$ 0
Bus Driver Room	\$ 0
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Total	\$ 150 per player

Breakfast is included each day, lunch & dinner are not

Payment Deadlines

Participation	\$50 due by March 3 rd
TOC, Laughlin	\$150 due by March 8 th
	\$151.50 by May 12 th

All remaining expenses due by May 15

Players do not own any personal equipment until all fees are paid. Players with unpaid fees are expected to return all personal equipment (player pack and optional items) until fees are paid in full.

FUNDRAISERS

We have two fundraisers planned for this year and are willing to add more if parent interest and willingness to coordinate is there.

- 1. Big John Basketball Tournament, March 27th – 31st (has been cancelled)**
- 2. Snap! Fundraise, March 2nd**
- 3. West Softball Clinic, each Tuesday starting February 14th – March 7th, 7pm-9pm**
- 4. Spring Fling Stomp, February 25th, \$5 per student**

OVERALL FUNDRAISING EXPECTATION

All players are expected to raise \$200 for the softball program. Once the \$200 requirement is met, further fundraising money will go toward the player. Players can opt to pay the \$200 directly, or fundraise it.

If the player has not raised the \$200 by the time final bills are prepared, the difference between what they have raised and the \$200 owed will be added to the bill.

There is one exception to this concept and that is the banner sales. Due to production costs, limited space, etc. each banner sold will bring the same amount to the player (ex: \$200). If a player can sell a banner, she will have met her minimum but will not get more than the \$150 per banner, leaving \$50 left to raise for the program. If she sells another banner, she will get another \$150. Every banner nets the player the same amount. Three banners= \$450 for the player, \$200 goes to the program, \$250 goes to the players fees.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT: The Team Behind the Team!

We have so much to do each year and your help is greatly appreciated. Please take a look at the list below for areas that you can help out. There really is something for everyone and a need for everyone!

SERVICE NEEDS

1. Fundraiser Coordinator
2. Field Maintenance (general upkeep)
3. Banners
4. Parent Fan Gear Order
5. Senior Day Gifts & Decorations
6. End of year Banquet

PHYSICALS/ registermyathlete.com

Players must go online to registermyathlete.com. Player also has to have a current physical on file. All players are now required to have a physical every year. For those that need one, physicals can be done through your own physician or at an Insta-care. For those that have participated already in a sport and have had a physical this school year do not need to get another one. Your doctor needs to fill out the physical forms and player will return them to Garth MacFarland, our athletic trainer.



2017 West Softball Schedule



<u>DATE</u>	<u>REGION/PRE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
March 9th - 12th	Tournament of Champions	Laughlin, NV	TBA
March 13th	Pre-Season	@ Lehi	3:30
March 14 th	Pre-Season	@Highland	3:30
March 16th	Region	@ Hunter	3:30
March 21st	Pre-Season	@ Copper Hills	3:30
March 23rd	Region	@ Granger	3:30
March 28th	Region	Layton	3:30
March 30th	Region	@ Viewmont	3:30
March 31st	Region	Davis	3:30
April 3rd	Pre-Season	Kearns	3:30
April 6th	Region	Hunter	3:30
April 7 th	Pre-Season	Murray	3:30
April 18th	Region	Syracuse	3:30
April 19th	Pre-Season	@ Herriman	3:30
April 20th	Region	Granger	3:30
April 25 th	Pre-Season	@Bountiful	3:30
May 2nd	Region	@ Layton	3:30
May 3rd	Pre-Season	Tooele	3:30
May 4th	Region	Viewmont	3:30
May 9th	Region	@ Syracuse	3:30
May 11th	Region	@ Davis	3:30
May 16th - 18th	State Tournament		TBD