



Miss Shen Softball

Travel Program Commitment

Commitment for Travel Players Updated 6/29/2017

Over the past several years players and teams have left after committing to the Miss Shen program. These departures have hurt the Miss Shen program by preventing Miss Shen from being able to field teams and weakened the program overall. The Miss Shen Board understands that there are situations where players will want to leave. These rules will provide players with a way to move to another team without negatively impacting the Miss Shen program, teams, or its players.

The premise of this rule is to **honor your commitment**. Once you **accept a position with a Miss Shen travel team and the coach confirms the roster with the Board**, you will be expected to finish the season with that team. Players that leave a Miss Shen team after the formation of that team cause not only a disruption to that team, but it has a ripple effect to other teams if the departing player needs to be replaced.

If a player wishes to seek other opportunities to play for non-Miss Shen teams for the next season they are welcome to tryout and accept these offers. However, **once the player accepts an offer from a Miss Shen Travel team they will be expected to honor that commitment until the end of the season**.

The follow two points apply to a coach, parent, and/or player when the coach and/or player has accepted a position with a Miss Shen travel team.

1. If a player **leaves** after committing to a Miss Shen travel team for another non-Miss Shen travel team, the Board reserve the right to maintain that player on the Miss Shen team's roster to the end of that season and deny the player the ability to play on a Miss Shen travel or recreation team for minimum of 13 months. Note: ASA and USSSA require the release of players prior to them being added to other teams. In addition, Miss Shen travel players must have the permission of their head coach to guest play for another team.
2. If a board member and/or their daughter leaves Miss Shen to play for another team, the Board will accept that decision as their resignation.

If at any time a coach or parent organizes the departure of 50% of a team from Miss Shen, the Board reserves the right to deny those involved the ability to play on Miss Shen fields, for minimum of 13 months. This includes tournaments hosted by Miss Shen, ability to coach or play in the recreational league, and use of the fields for practice.

It is impossible to account for all scenarios of why some would need to leave a Miss Shen Travel team and there maybe circumstances where a player will need to be released (i.e. moving to another town.) All those who wish to leave and be released from a team are encouraged to petition the Board via the player representative. This will give the Board the opportunity to review and vote on these situations on a case by case basis.

All of these rules would be effective "day forward" and would not impact players, coaches, parents, teams, or board members until a violation occurs after rules have been ratified by the Miss Shen Board and published to the Miss Shen community.