



# *Miss Shen Softball*

## *Travel Program Information*

### Rec League Requirements for Travel Players Updated 2/13/2012

The following guidelines outline the requirements for Travel Players to participate in the Rec League and the penalties for failing to meet this requirement.

#### **REC LEAGUE REQUIREMENT**

All Miss Shen Travel Players are required to participate in the Rec League (practices and games) except as exempted below.

#### **Exemptions:**

- 1.) Travel players who turn 13 by Dec. 31 of the year preceding the Rec League.
- 2.) Travel players who are participating in a spring sport for their school.
- 3.) Travel players from outside the Miss Shen district who will be playing in their town's rec league (Note: if their town does not have a rec league they will be required to play in the Miss Shen Rec League unless they meet exemption #1 or #2).

Players meeting one or more of these exemptions may play in the Rec League if they want to. However, if they choose to play in the Rec League, these players must meet all the requirements below and will be subject to the penalties listed below.

**Practices:** All Travel Players required to play in the Rec League are encouraged to make as many rec practices as possible. However there will be no penalty for missing practices.

#### **Games:**

- All Travel Players required to play in the Rec League are encouraged to play in as many rec games as possible and are allowed to miss up to 4 of their team's played games without penalty. To be considered a game played the Travel Player must be present for at least 4 innings.
- All Miss Shen sanctioned Travel Teams, Coaches and Players who are not exempt from rec play, are not to participate in outside play that conflicts with Miss Shen recreational games.

#### **PENALTIES**

Any Travel Player required to play in the Rec League who misses 5 or more of their team's played games are subject to the penalties listed below.

- 1.) For the 5<sup>th</sup> game missed, the Travel Player must sit out one (1) entire tournament game during their Travel Team's next local tournament.
- 2.) For the 6<sup>th</sup> game missed, the Travel Player must sit out one (1) additional entire tournament game during their Travel Team's next local tournament.
- 3.) For the 7<sup>th</sup> game missed, the Travel Player must sit out all games during their Travel Team's next local tournament.
- 4.) For the 8<sup>th</sup> or more game missed, the Travel Player will be removed from the Travel Team.

A local tournament is defined as any sanctioned tournament for which overnight stay in a hotel is not required. The penalty may not be enforced during non-sanctioned tournaments, scrimmages and Hudson Mohawk games.

Penalty #3 will be served simultaneously with Penalty #1 and #2 unless the 7<sup>th</sup> game missed occurs after Penalty #1 and/or #2 has been enforced.

The player must be present in the dugout and in uniform while serving the penalty.

Parents are required to perform field duties associated with home tournaments while their daughter serves the penalty.

Division Coordinators will be responsible for assuring Travel Players are making this requirement and will notify the Travel Manager as soon as a potential problem develops.

Travel Managers may stagger this penalty if they have more than one (1) girl serving a penalty during the same tournament so as to only have one (1) girl sitting out at a time.

Travel Managers will be responsible for following these guidelines and assuring the penalties are enforced. Failure to do so will subject the Travel Manager to penalties, including suspension.

Division Coordinators have the discretion to wave any or all penalties if it is their opinion that the Travel Player's absences were for legitimate reasons, such as injury, illness, school games or functions or civic/religious events (players should notify their Rec Manager in advance if they are missing a game for a legitimate reason).