



## ROCKETS 2010 TRYOUT INFORMATION PACKET

### WHAT WE DELIVER:

- . Experienced, dedicated coaches .
- . Proven fundamental skill improvement .
- . Small rosters (13 player maximum) .
- . Guaranteed playing time .
- . Exposure opportunities for college bound student athletes .
- . Competitive opportunities at the local, regional, and national levels .
- . Weekly indoor practices, January – March .
- . Weekly outdoors practices & scrimmages beginning in April .
- . An improved athlete .

2010 will be the Rockets Sixteenth tournament season. The Rockets are a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the individual athletes' level of play while stressing the importance of teamwork and team goals. All moneys, fees and donations collected go to the cost of running our program. This includes uniforms, team equipment, insurance, entry and association fees, travel expenses, administrative costs, etc.

Our 18U athletes are given the opportunity to participate in at least three College Showcase Tournaments & NFCA recruiting camps. Our 18's participate in the largest recruiting tournament in the northeast, the Polar Crush Invitational. They also attend showcase tournaments in Florida and Connecticut.

**Rocket Scholarship Update: This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Rocket Scholarship Program. The Rockets are dedicated to giving our athletes every possible chance to attend college and play softball. Our scholarship program provides a financial boost in addition to their softball skills. 18u players, who are graduating high school seniors, receive \$250 per year of service to the Rockets. Players must be with the Rockets continuously for 2 or more years. Hannah Fandl, who has been with us since she was 9 years old, received a check for \$2250. Our 2009 scholarships totaled \$4500. Congratulations to Hannah and all our graduates!!**

**REGARDING TRYOUTS:** Your daughter will be notified by phone regarding her status within a few days of her tryout. The coach may request an additional tryout or extend an invitation to play in fall ball games if he/she is undecided. **You will have one day to accept a roster spot once it is offered. Regular season fees are due upon acceptance of a roster spot. The Rockets do not give refunds.**

As has been our Sixteen-year tradition the Rockets have a Fallball season as well. This activity runs through the end of October. We expect to send all age groups to at least one fall tournament in Sept. – Oct.

## **The Rockets expect total support for these yearly events:**

- Fund raising raffle, each family will be required to sell a fixed # of tickets (November – March). Details at the parent meeting in November.
- Silent Auction, March 2010. Each family will be required to provide an auction item. Details at the parent meeting.
- Memorial Day Weekend Tournament. Each parent in the program is required to volunteer.

Everyone in the Rockets organization is a volunteer. When asked please do what you can to help the various events, the athletes, and our program.

### **From the athlete & parents we expect:**

- . 100% attendance at all scheduled practices, games, meetings and events.
  - . Good sportsmanship all the time.
- . Team spirit and the acceptance of team goals & objectives.
  - . Respect for teammates and coaches.
  - . A positive and willing-to-learn attitude and demeanor.
- . Openness to new and different techniques and concepts.
  - . Willingness to play and accept any position requested.

**Parents:** The Rockets' program provides a positive, constructive and instructive environment for your daughter. **YOU** are in the best position to promote the attitude and demeanor necessary for a positive experience. **YOU** are also in the best position to create a negative experience for your daughter, other players, parents and coaches.

## WHAT KIND OF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE CAN YOU EXPECT?

### 18U:

Nine tournaments:  
3 fall of 2009  
5 2010, start early June  
3 local, 4 travel (CT, PA, MA, NJ)

### 16U:

Nine tournaments:  
1 fall of 2009  
8 2010, start early June  
4 local, 3 local travel (CT, PA, MA, NJ)  
Nationals one week

### 14U:

Nine tournaments:  
1 fall of 2009  
8 2010, start late May  
5 local, 3 travel (CT, PA, MA, NJ)  
Nationals one week

### 12U:

Nine tournaments:  
1 fall of 2009  
8 2010, start April  
4 local, 4 travel (CT, PA, MA, NJ)

### 10U:

Eight tournaments:  
1 fall of 2009  
7 2010, start April  
2 local, 6 travel (CT, PA, MA, NJ)  
(Travel mandated by lack of local 10U tournaments)

Note: Tournament plans may change based on availability and costs. Schedules will be finalized in early 2010

## WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE SEASON FEE?

Indoor and outdoor practices, team equipment, tournament entry fees, association dues, team insurance (secondary insurance w/ a deductible), coach's travel lodging, coach's expenses, administrative costs, etc.

**Uniforms are multi-year and may be used for future seasons. This fee is not included in the playing fee. Approximate cost of 2010 uniform \$200.**

**Please note: For travel tournaments athletes' room & eat with their parents. This cost is NOT included in our fee.**

## WHAT IS THE REGULAR SEASON FEE?\*\*

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| 18U | \$1100.00* |
| 16U | \$875.00   |
| 14U | \$875.00   |
| 12U | \$875.00   |
| 10U | \$875.00   |

\* 18U fall fee will be determined after the fall schedule is finalized shortly after tryouts. Airfare and hotel fees are NOT included.

\*\*All are estimates as of 8/1/09. All season fees will be finalized by October 1, 2009. Historically the estimates have been close.

Payments are due upon acceptance of a roster spot, and should be given to the team manager.

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If we can provide you with any further information please don't hesitate to ask, or visit our website at [www.brewsterrockets.org](http://www.brewsterrockets.org).

Yours in Rockets Softball,

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President