

## Player Commitment Letter- Please Return Signed to the First Tryout



### Haverford Township Hilltop Baseball, Softball and Challenger Leagues



Dear Hilltop Parents,

The 8U Hilltop Hurricanes softball tournament team would like to inform you of the upcoming tryouts/evaluations for our 2026 team

**Saturday, April 25th, 2026 from 8:00-10:00am at Glendale Softball**

**Sunday, April 26th, 2026 from 5:45pm-7:45pm at Glendale Softball**

\*Depending on the number of sign-ups - we may break up into 2 groups

To be eligible to play for the team, your daughter must be **8 or younger as of August 31st, 2025**. You will need to provide a copy of her birth certificate. Cost for tournament play is estimated at \$300-\$400 per player, not including the cost for uniforms. As a note, Hilltop will require a \$150.00 deposit upon making the team and acceptance to play to cover the costs of tournaments entered.

As a member of our tournament team, players will have a lot of fun, develop their skills, and grow as athletes. It's extremely important that parents and children understand that in tournament format there's a focus on winning and contest advancement. Not every child will be a starting player; as such, parents and children should be prepared to be a substitute player. We do not want to encounter a situation where a child chooses to leave the team because they had expectations of being a starter. While we do our best to allow all players to participate in every game, there is no guarantee that everyone will play in all games. Lastly, please remember that Hilltop in-house rules do not apply for tournaments. We will try to field our best team that will give us the best opportunity to win. We will keep everyone ready and improve their skills as our season progresses.

During tryouts, the players will be evaluated on the following: catching, throwing, fielding, fly balls, batting, running, game skills and attitude. These evaluations are essential as not all interested players will be selected for this year's team. Observations from regular season play will also factor into the selection process.

**The players will be required to dedicate their time from team selection through the middle of July.**

Currently, the tournament schedule includes the dates below. Possible Scrimmages, Round Robins may be added.

- Memorial Day Weekend (May 22-25) – Drexel Hill, PA
- Babe Ruth District Tournament (June 19-21)- Location TBD
- Babe Ruth State Tournament (June 26-28) – Location TBD
- Babe Ruth Mid-Atlantic Region Tournament (July 10-12) Vineland, NJ

This commitment is independent of in-house league play once the spring season starts. **Please do not plan family vacations, sporting events or other activities that may interfere with this commitment.** We do not want to have a child make the initial commitment to play and then regularly not show up for practices and/or games due to other commitments. All players selected for the team will be required to fill out a player/parent commitment letter prior to the first practice. If you have questions regarding your child's commitment, please let me know and we will be happy to discuss this issue with you personally.

I can be contacted using the information below if you have any questions. Please complete the commitment letter below and bring it with you to the tryouts along with a copy of your child's birth certificate.

Go Hilltop!

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2026 8U Hilltop Hurricane Parent/Player Commitment Letter

If selected as a member of the 2026 Hilltop 8U Tournament Team, I will commit myself to teamwork and fair play. I understand that if I am selected to the team, I will be required to attend all practices and games. The team will practice consistently during May, June, and July. I will notify my coach if we have a vacation, or any other prior commitments scheduled through the season at the time of tryouts. If I am unable to make the full commitment as stated above, I will withdraw my name from consideration; giving a player who can make the commitment an opportunity to play.

Please sign and return

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_