

PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

The goal of OFSA is to build a strong foundation of Softball in our community but more importantly to positively impact the girls. The hope is that the girls have an opportunity to deepen their passion for the game and take away the life lessons that this sport develops.

- I will treat the coaching staff respectfully.
- I will respect the game and give it my all during practice and games.
- I will be respectful and courteous to my teammates. I will not bully anyone and if bullied I will notify my coach immediately.
- I will be respectful in public and display good character as a representative of OFSA.
- If I have a problem with a teammate, I will talk to the coaching staff to attempt to solve the problem.
- I will be committed to being a team player.
- When I step on the field, I will remember that "It's Time to Go to Work".
- Demonstrate sportsmanship. Play fair. Set an example. Rise above poor behavior. The way in which you conduct yourself has a long-lasting effect on everybody around you. That's what practicing good sportsmanship is all about.
- Value the instruction of your coach. You may think your coach is the best, the worst or somewhere in between. It makes no difference. If you're on the team, your job is to listen attentively to what your coach is saying. Coaches volunteer their time to work with your team. Don't waste that time.
- Appreciate your teammates. Every player on your team has certain strengths and weaknesses. Be patient with your teammates as they improve their games — just as they will be patient with you improving your game. Softball is a team sport. Success can only come when the entire team works and plays well together.
- Never question an official or express your feelings at a call. Officials are part of the game. It is your job as a player to overcome adversity whether it is the opposing team, the physical facilities or the officials. Never talk back or show up an official. Remember being an official is not an easy job and mistakes happen.
- Take time to learn the rules. If you don't know the rules you don't know the game. Enjoy the journey! Win or lose, enjoy every moment on the field both during the games and during practice. Softball should be challenging, tiring, hard work and fun.

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PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

As with players, parents also represent OFSA. We expect parents to act with a higher set of standards than we expect from our players. Parents are the role models.

- Act as a leader. Leaders are people whose actions inspire others. A leader treats their children's teammates, your peers, the coaches, opponents and officials in a manner as they would like to be treated. That means with respect, and dignity. If you set the example the players will follow the example you set.
- Do not draw attention from the players. Youth softball is for the kids. If you find yourself becoming too emotionally involved in what's happening on the field, take a step back and relax.
- Value your child's commitment. Get your kids to practice and games on time. Make sure they have their uniform and shoes. Help them eat and drink right before, during and after the game. The more your children see you acting responsibly, the more they will do the same.
- Act in a respectful manner. Nothing is better for a young player than having parents on hand to watch them play. And nothing is worse for a player than hearing a parent using foul language, booing, taunting, screaming or making comments at, or about, players, coaches, fans or officials (that includes your team as well as your opponent). Offer applause and cheers of encouragement for both teams following a good play or a great effort, otherwise keep quiet.
- Officials are part of the game. Parents should demonstrate proper behavior to the players. It is not the parent's job (or the players) to officiate the game. Accept the call and move on. Remember being an official is not an easy job and mistakes happen and are part of the game.
- Motivation through confidence. Try and identify a positive from every game or practice to help build confidence. A young player's sense of achievement is the greatest motivator. Don't analyze your young player's performance following every game. They know how they played and if you give them the opportunity and situation they will open up to you. Let your children come to you for advice.
- Allow the game to be fun. So, help make it that way. Keep smiling. Encourage enjoyment and participation over results. If it's not fun, something's wrong. Enjoy the journey and put winning and losing into perspective. Games have winners and losers. Keep reminding your child about this reality and the need to deal with both outcomes.

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