

Code of Conduct

Our goal is to enhance your child's life with a positive learning experience of both mentally and physically playing softball. There will be skills that are taught that your child may carry with them throughout life, not just how to win, but how to lose, how to accept others and be accepted, what it means to be a team player not just on the field but off. But we need your help. Please read through the Code of Conduct with your child.

****Please understand that by signing the registration form, you are also agreeing that you and your child are to abide by the Code of Conduct set forth.****

Good sportsmanship is expected of PARENTS/PLAYERS. Never criticize an umpire during a game. Do not make derogatory remarks/comments about other players, coaches, umps regardless of the team.

- Focus on your child's effort and development rather than the outcome of any particular game.
- Competitive play can evoke strong emotions and your attitude is essential in helping your child put these emotions in perspective. Make sure that your child knows that win or lose, you appreciate her efforts and are proud of her performance.
- Try to be completely honest to yourself about your child's athletic capability, competitive attitude, sportsmanship and actual skill level. Do not develop unrealistic expectations, as inability to match such expectations may be interpreted as failure by your child.
- Be helpful and supportive, but please do not "coach" your child during a game. This may place your child under additional stress when your instructions are at odds with the instructions of the coach.
- If a problem develops between a player or parent and a coach, discuss the problem with the coach first. If the problem is not resolved at that level, contact a member of the Board.
- **Parents must ensure that players arrive on time for games and practices.** It is unfair to your child, the other players and coaches to arrive late for practice or moments before the start of a game. If your child cannot attend a practice or game, you should notify the coach as soon as possible. This is a matter of common courtesy and respect.
- Lastly, we believe the GK Girls Softball program is a class organization. Therefore, PARENT(S) / PLAYER(S) will conduct themselves with the utmost of sportsmanship, appropriate language and behavior towards their team's coach(es), and the opposing team's coach, players, parents, and umps. Strict penalties for any PARENT(S) / PLAYER(S) that cannot conduct themselves accordingly will be imposed, beginning with but not limited to:
 - **1st offense:** Warning to PARENT/PLAYER
 - **2nd offense:** One (1) game suspension of PARENT/PLAYER
 - **3rd offense:** Suspension from the league for the duration of season.

Thank you for your support.