

San Dieguito Youth Softball League Parents' Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics:

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports event.

I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.

I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.

I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches' Code of Ethics.

I will support coaches and officials working with my child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

I will remember that the game is for our children - not adults.

I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.

I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.

I will help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.

The Role of Parents:

For your daughter to succeed in softball she needs **you** and as much time and energy as you can give her. Your daughter and her team will need you to:

- Provide transportation for your daughter to and from all practices, clinics, and games. Please pick up your daughter on time unless other arrangements have been made with the Head Coach. Coaches must stay at the field until all players have been picked up. There also must be an adult female present at all team games, practices, and other gatherings.
- Participate in the League fundraisers. Fundraising events are essential to keep down player registration costs and to pay for operating costs, clinics, equipment, and field development.
- Attend League functions whenever possible. These include parent/coach meetings, clinics, games, etc.
- Support the Coaches and Team Parent on and off the field. If you have concerns or comments, please discuss them privately and directly with the Head Coach. If you still have concerns, contact your Division Representative or a member of the Board of Directors.
- Keep a positive line of communication open with your daughter's Coaches and Team Parent. Keep each other advised of scheduling changes and problems involving attendance at games and practices.
- Encourage your daughter to do her best at practice and in games. Recognize her attempts as well as her successes in playing softball.
- Have your daughter attend practices and games in proper softball attire and without jewelry. Cleats are mandatory.

PLAYER'S NAME

PARENT'S NAME

PARENT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

COACH'S NAME

DIVISION OF PLAY

Please return this signed copy of the Code of Ethics to your Team Parent.

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