



# PORTAGE YOUTH SOFTBALL

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## PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

1. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, umpires, and spectators at every game and practice.
2. I (and my guests) will respect, and will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct, such as booing, taunting, or using profane language or gestures with any umpire, coach, player, or spectator.
3. I (and my guests) recognize that the coach is in charge of all softball activities, practices and games, alike.
4. I (and my guests) will not enter the field of play or the dugout or in any way participate in practices and games without express permission of the coach.
5. I will never question, discuss, or confront coaches during or immediately following the game, and will take time to speak with them at an agreed upon time and place. At a minimum, I will allow a 24 hour time period after the conclusion of a game to seek a discussion with a coach.
6. I will not ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
7. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
8. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices (e.g. rough play, dirty play, etc.) that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
9. I will encourage the children to treat other players, coaches, umpires, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
10. I will praise my child for competing fairly and giving their best effort.
11. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
12. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
13. I will learn the rules of the game and the policy of the league.
14. I will encourage and support a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all sporting events.
15. I will do my part to have my player attend all practices, scrimmages, and games at the designated time.
16. I will not force my child to play on the team if she does not want to.

I understand that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by a Portage Youth Softball coach or board member.
- Parental game suspension & Board Review
- Parental season suspension & Board Review

Following a suspension, if a parent attempts to attend a game being played at a Portage facility, he/she will be required to leave the premises. The child of the parent involved will not be allowed to participate until the parent has left the premises. All verbal warnings are to be reported by the coaches or board members to the Portage Youth Softball Board of Directors. Appropriate actions will be discussed, and all incidents will be documented and kept on file.