



Springfield Little League Softball Code of Conduct

AS A PLAYER, I will display good sportsmanship and respect for my teammates, coaches, opponents, and officials; therefore, I will speak and act in a way that displays that respect. I will commit to attending all practices and games as my coaches and teammates depend on my participation. Softball is a difficult game, and I will make mistakes, but I will learn from those mistakes, respond positively and give my best effort to improve.

AS A PARENT, I will encourage good sportsmanship by showing support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game; therefore, I will speak and act in a manner that displays that respect. I will commit having my child participate in all practices and games. I understand that winning a game may not be as important as giving players opportunities to succeed and learn. I will never use profanity or physically or verbally abuse any players, coaches, officials or spectators. I will notify coaches of any perceived problems in a private, respectful manner; remembering that coaches and league officers are all volunteers. Finally, I will commit to ensuring a positive baseball experience for ALL players on the field.

AS A COACH, I will encourage good sportsmanship by showing support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game; therefore, I will speak and act in a manner that displays that respect. I will honor all of the above statements that apply to parents. I will do my best to develop the talents of every player on my team to give them opportunities to succeed. I will strive to instill positive work habits, team spirit, enthusiasm for the game of baseball, and respect for all participants and parents.

We strive to support this philosophy in everything we do, from practice, to games, to play-offs and tournament teams. Our volunteer managers and coaches give a tremendous amount of their time and effort. We recognize that the players of Springfield Little League Softball are generally respectful of their coaches and teammates; however, we realize that disagreements may occur over the course of a long season. In order to help resolve any issues quickly and appropriately, we suggest the following procedures:

1. Contact the team head coach and discuss the issue. Generally speaking, the head coach is the person most familiar with the details of the team and in the best position to assist in resolving issues. We expect that most issues can be adequately addressed through the head coach.
2. Each league has a commissioner, who can be reached via email as noted on our website. If the matter cannot be settled by a discussion with the head coach, then the league commissioner should be contacted.
3. Our league's Board of Directors, a volunteer group, governs Springfield Little League. When required, the league commissioners will bring issues to the Board for review.

Springfield Little League reserves the right to discipline any Manager, Coach, Parent or Player for behavior deemed abusive to another individual during any Little League associated game, practice or event.