

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

As a parent, you play a special role in the development of your daughter and her teammates. Your encouragement and examples ensure good sportsmanship and self-discipline more than any other influence. Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game. While winning is important, playing well and learning is the essence of the

BE SUPPORTIVE AND YOUR CHILD'S BIGGEST CHEERLEADER

Children learn more by example than by criticism. Work to be a positive role model and reinforce positive behavior in others. Applaud good plays by others on your child's team as well as good plays by the opposing team. Do not criticize any child's performance from the sidelines. Accept the results of each game. Teach your child to be gracious in victory and to turn defeat into victory by learning and working toward improvement.

DON'T BE A SIDELINE COACH OR Ump

Refrain from coaching or refereeing from the sidelines. Parents who shout/scream from sidelines often give inappropriate advice at the wrong time. The coach should be the only sideline voice. You and your child will both enjoy the game more if you put some emotional distance between yourself and the field or play. Never allow yourself to be drawn into a verbal disagreement with opposing parents or coaches. Umpires are symbols of fair play, integrity and sportsmanship - Do not openly question their judgment.

Parent Violations

Parents who do not follow the Code of Conduct will be subject to corrective action. It is the philosophy of the Dakota Diamond Youth Softball League(DDYS) that parents shall not spoil the experience of participation of our youth softball players. The following guidelines have been established for addressing problems with parents/spectators. Note: These guidelines are not absolute in dealing with behavioral problems.

1. Verbal Warning: League administrator/coach will discuss the undesirable conduct with parents and stress that this behavior will not be tolerated. Coach will document conversations and submit to Admin.
2. Written Warning: League administrator, coach, or official will notify DDYS of continued breach of Code of Conduct and will arrange a meeting with the parents. A formal letter of reprimand will be given to the parent stating that the next offense could lead to a suspension or ban.
3. Game Suspension: Letter will be drafted by Admin explaining that the parent will be banned from attending the teams next contest. The next offense could result in a season-long suspension.
4. Season Long Suspension: The parent will be banned from attending any future league games. The parent will remain on suspension until a formal request for re-instatement is made. Dakota Diamond Youth Softball League will review the re-instatement request and determine if the suspension will be lifted

Parent Signature_____ Printed Name_____

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Date_____

