



Parent or Guardian Code of Conduct

As a softball parent or guardian I will:

Attitude

- Be mindful of the need for my child to have their own experience in softball. (I will place the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of my personal desire to win.)
- Stress the importance of being part of a team.
- Show respect, positive support, and good sportsmanship to all players, coaches, umpires, and facilities, prior to, during, and after all games and practices.
- Will ensure that my child behaves in a good sportsman-like manner.
- Willingly participate, as required and able, in fundraising activities established by the board to help support the club.

Practice

- Welcome the opportunity to observe & help out at practices, with the guidance of the coach and their practice plans as needed.
- Reserve discussions with coaches or players to a time before or after practice so as not to impede with instructional time.
- Be respectful of our volunteer coaches time and commitment, by being on time for drop off and pick up

Games

- Arrive early and prepared to ensure my child is ready for warm-ups
- Refrain from foul language and will not heckle players or umpires, or opposing fans.
- Refrain from shouting personal instruction during games to overshadow team coaches.
- Not enter the dug-out without coach permission.
- Applaud a good effort in victory and in defeat, and help reinforce the positive parts of the game.

Communication

- Notify the coach in advance if my child can not attend a practice or game.
- Be mindful of the coaches attendance expectations for our level and do my best to make sure my child is there for the team.
- I will not discuss (verbal or via text) game strategy, lineups, playing time, etc., with the coaching staff during the game
- Understand that coaches coach, players play, and parents and fans cheer. I will wait the recommended 24 hours before discussing any game strategy concerns with the coach.
- Not be critical of the OYS program or other players in front of my children. If I have a concern I will speak to the coach in private. If I feel my concerns are still not being addressed, I will contact the Board of Directors. (I will communicate my concerns through the proper channels in a dignified manner.)
- Pay fees by the due dates or make alternate arrangements with the OYS President, Vice President, and Treasurer prior to the due dates.

Respect

- Lead by example for my child in all aspects of the season.

Representation of my players team & Oregon softball

- Foster a healthy sports environment by refraining from drugs, alcohol and tobacco use during all sporting events.



Violation of Code of Conduct

- If an individual is found to be in violation of the code of conduct, the OYS Directors will determine the consequences of the violation which may include the following:
 - a. Mediation - meet with individuals that were impacted to determine a plan moving forward.
 - b. Official Written Warning – Individuals will be made aware of inappropriate conduct and issued a written warning. A record of the warning will be kept by the OYS Board and may be used to determine future eligibility.
 - c. Suspension – Individuals that have established a pattern of behavior or committed a serious violation will be suspended for an amount of time to be determined by the OYS Directors. Individuals do not need to have received prior written warning(s) to be suspended. Suspension records will be kept by the Board and may be used to determine future eligibility.
 - d. Removal – Individuals that have repeated violations of the Code of Conduct, or if the initial violation is found to be severe, can be removed from any OYS event and/or banned from future events.

I understand that this code of conduct is part of my family's registration application to play within Oregon Youth Softball. I have read and agree to this code of conduct.

Name _____ **Date** _____