



Folsom Softball Club

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CODE OF CONDUCT – PARENTS AND PLAYERS

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of children. Therefore, it is essential for parents and spectators to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Furthermore, parents and spectators involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control. Every parent and player involved with the Folsom Softball Club will be required to read and sign this Code of Conduct Agreement. After reading and signing this agreement, you are pledging to be held responsible for your words and actions while attending all FSC events:

AS A PARENT of a FSC athlete, I agree to the following:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I 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, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
3. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes. I will promote a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
4. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. 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.
5. 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.
6. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game. Instead, if I have an issue I will take time to speak with the coach at an agreed upon time and place.
7. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing.

AS AN ATHLETE in the Folsom Softball Club, I agree to the following:

1. I will display good sportsmanship at all times on and off the field.
2. I will refrain from inappropriate outbursts of emotion causing my coaches and teammates to be distracted from the game.
3. I will not talk back to any member of my coaching staff or my parents.
4. I will not use rude or obscene hand gestures or speak foul language.
5. I will not show disobedience or disrespect to my coaches, my teammates, my opponents, game officials or spectators. As parents and players of the Folsom Softball Club we agree that failure to abide by the aforementioned code of conduct may result in disciplinary action decided and administered by the FSC Board of Directors. This could include, but is not limited to the following:
 - o Verbal warning
 - o Written warning
 - o Parental or Player game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file
 - o Game forfeit through the official or coach
 - o Parental or Player season suspension