

**STARK COUNTY GIRL'S FASTPITCH  
ASSOCIATION  
CODE OF CONDUCT  
FOR PARENTS, PLAYERS, & COACHES**

**\*\*\*\*\*NO TOLERANCE POLICY\*\*\*\*\***

**SCGFA WILL NOT TOLERATE ANY ABUSE TO AN UMPIRE.  
ALL PARENTS / FANS WILL HAVE TO SIT DOWN 1st & 3rd BASE SIDE  
NO ONE IS ALLOWED TO SIT BESIDE / AROUND DUGOUT  
NO ONE IS ALLOWED BEHIND BACKSTOP**

Remember that this is a game and it is for our children. Your threats and verbal abuse only demeans the sport and embarrasses you and your daughter(s). The umpire has been instructed to eject any parent or coach if abusive. There are **NO** warnings given. Remember that the coach is in charge of their bench and spectators. If any coach, parent, player, or other fan is not complying with these rules, the umpire **WILL** forfeit the game.

**Examples:**

- ~ Foul language will not be permitted toward any coaches, players, or umpires.
- ~ Absolutely **NO** threats / bodily harm will be tolerated to any Coach, Player, or Umpire at any time.
- ~ Not leaving the no parent / no fan area
- ~ Use of alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs
- ~ Use of tobacco products , e-cigs and vaporizers

**1st Offense:** Any abuse by parents, coaches, players and fans will result in a 4 game suspension.

**2nd Offense:** Any abuse by parents, coaches, player(s) and fans will result in dismissal for the entire season and may be prosecuted by the law.

\*\*\*Reinstatement to the program is possible to players, coaches, and fans after a 4 game suspension has been served and after a Letter has been sent to the SCGFA board stating why you should be allowed to come back will be required.

All of the girls participating are very special individuals because it takes a special individual to participate in such a competitive sport. Each and every girl will strike out and make errors throughout the season. At the time that this happens, we as parents and coaches must praise our young athletes, because no one could feel more down on themselves than an athlete at this moment in time. So just remember the next time your daughter makes a mistake and she will, she is under enough pressure (real or imagined) from her coaches, teammates and YOU that a kind word of encouragement from Mom or Dad, coaches and teammates will go a long way! Coaches are volunteers. Remember that this person is taking his/her own time to teach, train and coach your children! We as parents must remember that they are only volunteers and are going to make mistakes. The coaches as well, while not inhuman, and maybe his/her first time as a coach, has feelings also. Sometimes a coach is volunteering because no one else would. He/She is there so your child can play softball. Umpires are also doing this on their own time. While they do get paid and have gone through training, they also have feelings and can make mistakes.

Do you want to be the reason your daughter's game is a forfeit, not to see any of her games or possibly end her softball career?

I have read and agreed to the above mentioned items. I understand that this is only a game and for the enjoyment of my daughter(s). If I disagree with the coaching or umpiring of any game, I will keep this to myself or volunteer my time next year to coach or take umpire training.

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Coach (print) \_\_\_\_\_