



FREELAKE YOUTH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

CODE OF CONDUCT

PARENT/GUARDIAN or GUEST

- Will conduct themselves responsibly at all practices, games and events.
- Will be responsible for the actions of my guests.
- Will remember that the game is about the players, and only the players.
- Will refrain from coaching their child during practices or games unless asked to do so by the coaching staff.
- Will be a positive role model at all times and promote good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy to players, coaches, game officials, and other spectators.
- Will not engage in profane, insulting, harassing, or abusive language or behavior towards anyone.
- Will not engage in any behavior or action that could endanger the health and well-being of any player or coach.
- Will not argue with game officials or other spectators for any reason.
- Will discuss any concerns or problems with coaching methods or decisions in a civil manner with the head coach, outside the presence of players. I will abide by a mandatory 24-hour cool-down period before discussing my issue.
- Will leave the premises immediately in a calm and quiet manner if asked by game officials or coaches.
- Will not post inappropriate or negative comments on ANY social media outlet about the FreeLake Youth Softball Association, players or their families, coaches or opponents.
- Acknowledges that every child may not have the same amount of playing time; it will be determined by their child's performance in practice and games as observed by the coaching staff.
- Will not have private discussions with players during any game or practice without the consent of the Head Coach.
- Will not give any players gifts, presents, food, candy or any other items without approval from the Head Coach.
- Will demand that their child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability

- Will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire they have for their child to win.
- Will demand a sports environment for their child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- Parents, guardians and their guests 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.

PLAYER

- Shall display good sportsmanship at all times;
- Shall follow the direction of the coaching staff;
- Shall respect all coaches, players, league officials, umpires and spectators;
- Shall make every attempt to be on-time and ready to play for all games and practices;
- Players shall not use foul or obscene language or gestures;
- Players shall not engage in physical altercations of any kind;
- Players shall not quit on the team;
- Players shall not argue with Umpires;
- Players shall not abuse or mistreat any equipment;
- Players shall not throw any object in a show of temper;
- Players shall not argue with or show disrespect to coaches, teammates, or parents;
- Players shall not display discourtesy to opposing players, coaches, or spectators;
- Players shall not bully, tout, make fun of, or harass any other teammates or players from other teams before, during or after games or practices.

COACHES

- Coaches will teach the game of softball to the best of their ability, but will continually work to improve their own understanding of the skills of the game and how to teach those skills.
- Coaches will be positive role models and will do their best to provide a positive experience for the players and for the parents.
- Coaches will display and teach their players the principals of good sportsmanship, respect and team play whether the team is winning or losing.

- Coaches will provide organized team practices each week that will provide for the development of both team and individual skills and will make full effort to provide practices that are both fun and challenging for the players.
- Coaches will not ridicule or demean players, umpires or league officials. (using profanity or making personal or malicious remarks towards opponents, fans or officials.)
- Coaches will be responsible for the conduct of their players during games.
- Coaches will treat all players, parents, spectators and league officials with respect.
- Coaches will not tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well-being of a child.
- Coaches will comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policy and procedure as established or endorsed by FreeLake Youth Softball Association.
- Coaches will be drug and alcohol free while at any game, practice or league event.
- Maintain and develop an understanding of current league rules.
- Coaches and Assistant Coaches are required to maintain Safesport Certification and current Background Checks.
- Coaches will escalate all issues to the FreeLake Youth Softball Board of Directors
- Coaches will support FreeLake Softball and support the growth of membership by not engaging in recruiting away from the league both within the team you are associated as well as other teams within the league.

THE CONSEQUENCES

Failure to abide by the Code of Conduct may result in one or more of the following disciplinary actions. The FreeLake Youth Softball Association Board will make all decisions regarding disciplinary actions. All decisions of the FreeLake Youth Softball Association Board will be final.

1. A written warning from the FreeLake Youth Softball Association Board.
2. A one or multi-game suspension during which you may not be present as a spectator, player or coach as applicable.
3. A suspension for the remainder of the season in which you may not be present as a spectator, player or coach as applicable.
4. A permanent suspension from any future participation or involvement in FreeLake Youth Softball games, practices or events.