

## Prince William Girls Fastpitch Softball Code of Conduct



### **Players and Parents,**

Please make an effort to be at all of your scheduled practices and games. If you are unable to attend, please let the coach know as soon as possible. Missing practices can directly affect a player's playing time during games at the coach's discretion. (Minimum play time rules do apply.) Show a reasonable amount of respect to other players, coaches, umpires, and equipment belonging to PWGFS and other players. Always maintain good sportsmanship.

**As a Player,** I understand that I must follow these rules to remain in good standing:

- 1) Respect the game, play fairly, and follow its rules and regulations.
- 2) Show respect for authority to the officials of the game and of the league.
- 3) Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during, and after games.
- 4) Help parents and fans understand the league philosophy so they can watch and enjoy the games.
- 5) Be courteous to opposing teams and treat all players and coaches with respect.
- 6) Be modest when successful and be gracious in defeat.
- 7) Respect the privilege of the use of public facilities.
- 8) Refrain from the use of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language.

**As a Parent/Guardian/Coach,** I recognize that parents/guardians are the most important role models for their children, and sports help to develop a sense of teamwork, self-worth, and sportsmanship. As such, I agree to abide by the following:

- 1) Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, fans, and officials at games, practices, and other sporting events.
- 2) Place the well-being of my child before a personal desire to win.
- 3) Advocate a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language, and refrain from their use during youth sporting events.

4) Encourage my child to play by the rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans, and officials.

**SOCIAL MEDIA** – In this growing age of social media, I will refrain from posting articles or images that are deemed negative, disrespectful, inappropriate or generally harmful to the well-being of PWGFS, its participants, coaches, umpires, and league officials. Such actions will be taken seriously by PWGFS and could result in immediate removal of me and my family’s current and possible future participation with PWGFS.

**Spectators**

Watch & enjoy - let the coaches coach.

Cheer if you like, but keep it positive.

Always maintain good behavior. If you do not have anything nice to say, say nothing at all.

**NOTE:** Code of Conduct violations are taken seriously by the PWGFS Board, with the following course of action for serious violations. SOCIAL MEDIA violations may be handled differently on a case-by-case basis depending on the severity of each case.

- 1) A verbal warning will be issued by a PWGFS Board Member.
- 2) If the conduct does not improve, you may be asked to leave the premises.
- 3) Repeat offenses will result in PWGFS banning the offender from ALL PWGFS-related activities for the season. (The Park Ranger may also impose more serious penalties.)(A notice will be recorded with PWC Department of Parks and Recreation, the Park Ranger, and the local police)

I acknowledge and will abide by the PWGFS Code of Conduct.

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Parent/Guardian/Coach Signature

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Date

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Player Signature

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Date