

## PARENTS ETHICS AND CODE OF CONDUCT

To provide a successful competitive youth softball experience, effort on the part of the parents is as equally important as the effort of the players. I understand that the Jordan Girls Softball Association, Inc. is a nonprofit volunteer-run organization, and for it to be a positive experience for my child and all children, it needs my support.

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, examples, and encouragement for my child participating in the Jordan Girls Softball Association (JGFA) by following this Parents Code of Ethics and Conduct:

- I will encourage and recognize good Citizenship, Friendship, Leadership, Sportsmanship, and Scholarship by demonstrating positive support for my child and team, all players, coaches, umpires, and league officials at every game, practice, or other JGFA sponsored events.
- I will praise good character more than outstanding talent. Most talents are a gift. Character is not given to us.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child and all other children on her team or opposing teams ahead of my desire to win.
- I will remember that children play softball for their enjoyment. They are not playing to entertain me.
- I will praise my child and teammates in public and will only criticize in private. I will never ridicule my child or another athlete for making a mistake during a game. I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort.
- I will insist that my child plays in a safe and healthy environment. I will condemn the use of violence in any form and will express my disapproval privately and appropriately to coaches, umpires, and league officials.
- I will support coaches, umpires, and league officials working with my child, to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all. I will respect an umpire's decision and encourage others to do the same.
- I will demand and provide a softball environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all JGFA practices, games, and other sponsored events.
- I will honor my commitment to my child, team, and JGFA by ensuring that they are available for practice and games. I will also do whatever I can to help further the mission, purposes, and objectives of the JGFA by being a respectful fan, by assisting in coaching, or any other JGFA volunteer needs.
- I will treat other players, coaches, fans, umpires, and league officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I will not use abusive or vulgar language, nor will I harass any individual at any AGSA sponsored activity.
- I will hold my daughter's coach accountable to the JGFA Coaches Code of Ethics and Conduct.
- I will uphold the JGFA By-Laws, Player Selection & Playing Rules, and any other league policies
- and procedures.
- I and any spectator I bring with me to a JGFA practice or game, where ever it may be, on the field or in the stands agree to abide by this Parents Code of Ethics & Conduct. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action, up to and including suspension from JGFA.

By registering my daughter to play and accepting a spot on a team roster within the JGFA I am agreeing to abide by all policies laid out in the JGFA Parent Ethics and Code of Conduct.