



## PARENT AND PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

The mission of the SHBGFS League is to promote the fun and safe playing of softball for our players. It is imperative that all coaches, parents, board members, and players act appropriately. Teaching sportsmanship begins with the adults. We must always set the best example for our children.

### Players

#### *1. Respect for Others*

- Treat teammates, coaches, opponents, umpires, and fans with kindness and respect.
- Support and encourage my teammates both on and off the field.
- Use positive language and avoid bullying, taunting, or any form of disrespectful behavior.
- Accept the decisions of the coaches and umpires without arguing or complaining.
- No player shall at any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike or threaten a coach, umpire, player or other adult.

#### *2. Commitment and Effort*

- Attend all practices, games, and team events, and notify the coach in advance if I am unable to attend.
- Arrive on time and be ready to participate fully.
- Give my best effort in all practices, games, and drills.

#### *3. Sportsmanship*

- Win with humility and lose with grace.
- Always play fairly, within the rules of the game, and without trying to gain an unfair advantage.
- Show good sportsmanship after every game, win or lose, by shaking hands with opponents and thanking the umpires.
- Be open to constructive feedback and use it to improve my performance.

#### *4. Responsibility*

- Take responsibility for my actions and behavior, both on and off the field.
- Follow the rules set by my coaches, my team, and the league.

#### *5. Positive Attitude*

- Maintain a positive attitude, even in challenging situations.
- Encourage and motivate my teammates during practices and games.
- Stay focused on doing my best and learning from every experience, regardless of the outcome.

#### *6. Safety and Health*

- Play safely and follow all safety instructions given by my coach or team leaders.
- Immediately report any injuries or safety concerns to my coach.
- Take care of my physical and mental health.

## Parents / Coaches

### 1. Respect for Others

- No coach, parent, or other adult shall at any time lay a hand upon, shove, strike or threaten a coach, umpire, player or other adult.
- Respect to all players must be always given regardless of ability.
- Use of profanity or degrading remarks is always prohibited.
- No coach, parent or other adult shall be verbally abusive to any other coach, parent, player or other adult.
- General unsportsmanlike or aggressive conduct will not be tolerated.

### 2. Sportsmanship

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience and I will be a respectful fan, assist with coaching / team responsibilities, and provide transportation.
- All coaches, parents, and other adults will abide by an umpire's decision. Any disagreement with a decision must be discussed in a calm and reasonable manner.
- Appearance at a practice or game at any time in an intoxicated state is unacceptable.
- Smoking, including vaping, on or near the fields is prohibited.
- Use of alcohol immediately before, during or after a game/practice, on or around the fields is strictly forbidden.

Depending on the severity of the incident, violation of any of the above may result in penalties ranging from removal from the game to termination of the privilege of participating in the SHBGFS League.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Player's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_