



## **Parent and Player Handbook**

### **WELCOME TO MONTICELLO GIRLS FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION**

Monticello Girls Fastpitch Association (MGFA) is a community based, non-profit, volunteer organization, serving the city of Monticello, MN. MGFA is a member of the Big West League and offers Summer and Fall traveling fastpitch softball teams in the following age groups: 6 and under (6U) summer only, 8 and under (8U) summer only, 10 and under (10U), 12 and under (12U), 14 and under (14U), 16 and under (16U) and 18 and under (18U). The emphasis at the 6U, 8U, 10U, and 12U levels is on learning the fundamentals of the game, playing as a team, and having fun. Teams at the older age levels also stress fundamentals, but add more game strategy and advanced skills.

Monticello Girls Fastpitch Association is a volunteer organization. Most of our coaches are volunteers. We welcome and need volunteers at all levels, from team managers, to coaches, to MGFA board members.

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## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Board Members for the 2026 fiscal year are:

**President** –Jason Stebe

**Vice President** –Amy Jo Van Culin

**Treasurer** – Stephanie Wiley

**Secretary** – Josh Adams

**Registration Director** - Stephanie Wiley

**Equipment Director(s)** - Mike Wrona

**Communications Director** – Adam Fuchs

**Social Media Director** - Adam Fuchs

**Volunteer (DIBS) Director** – Tracy Lockrem

**Concessions Director(s)** – Ryan Olson

**Event Coordinator Director** – Jason Stebe

**Ump Schedule Director** - Jason Stebe

**Field Schedule Director** - Jason Stebe

**Coach Coordinator Director** – Ethan Kellner

**Coach Compliance Coordinator** - Tracy Lockrem

**Uniform/Apparel Director** – Kaylene Nelson

**Fundraising Director**– Natalie Adams

**Marketing Director** - Tracy Lockrem

**Nationals Director** - Kaylene Nelson

**Webmaster** – Adam Fuchs

**Picture Coordinator** - Tracy Lockrem

**Tournament Director** - Ashley Brevig

**Clinic Coordinator** - Adam Fuchs

**8U Coordinator** – Ashley Brevig

**6U Coordinator** – Josh Adams

## **MGFA MISSION**

Monticello Girls Fastpitch Association aims to provide a fun and positive environment where girls are able to learn the game of fastpitch softball and improve their fundamental skills. Our goal is to continually promote the principles of sportsmanship, teamwork, friendship, and leadership to each MGFA athlete.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Strive to create a fun and entertaining environment for players, families, coaches and community.
- Develop and empower female athletes.
- To promote skill development and encourage a positive self-esteem for every player.
- Develop competitive players and teams.
- Provide effective, high quality game development for players and coaches at all levels.
- Encourage and foster player participation for the full length of a player's youth sports career.
- Foster the importance of teamwork and the understanding that all team members play an integral part in the success of the team.
- Seek to maximize the potential of every player in the program.
- Support the high school programs.
- Provide programs that are cooperative with and respected by other community programs.

## **PLAYER ELIGIBILITY, REGISTRATION AND TRYOUTS**

Player Eligibility Age levels at and below 12U are not open divisions. All players who are 12 years of age or younger, must live or attend school in the Monticello community. A “waived player” from another community may be eligible to participate, but only with the approvals necessary to comply with the league rules.

Players 13 years of age or older according to MN Softball age calculator from any community, are eligible to play in Monticello. Some exceptions to this policy may apply depending on player numbers and registration deadline dates. The MGFA Board must approve such exceptions. Fall ball players will play at the age level they would play at during the following summer. This provides the opportunity to play with changes that may take place the following year (rules, ball size, distances, and competition level). All players must provide a copy of their birth certificate prior to participation in league or tournament games.

### **Player Registration Payments and Refunds**

Player registration fees are due prior to a player participating in tryouts. A player will not be placed on a team if the registration fee has not been paid. If you chose the payment plan option during registration, the first payment must be made prior to tryouts. All following payments must be made on time for your child to continue playing and practicing. Registrations made after tryouts must be paid in full to participate. Late registrations, at the Board of Directors discretion, may also be subject to a \$25 late fee and, if occurring after the initial uniform order is placed, paying full price for a uniform (we receive a bulk rate on our uniform orders, all single orders will pay full price plus shipping). Late registrations and/or fee payments are subject to roster availability and will be assigned to teams at the discretion of the MGFA Board of Directors. No player will be added to an “A” team if they do not attend tryouts and/or don’t have prior board approval for missing tryouts. Players need to be completely registered and have paid all fees (or have arranged for payment of fees with the Board of Directors) prior to participating in tryouts.

The MGFA Financial Assistance Application can be found on the MGFA website on the Registration page. MGFA strives to provide an opportunity for every child who wants to play in the MGFA program. As part of its annual budget, MGFA may determine a dollar amount that will be set aside as financial assistance. These funds will be used to help offset player’s fees that, because of financial reasons, request assistance. The total amount of assistance awarded cannot exceed the amount budgeted.

The applicant must be in good standing with MGFA, no outstanding debt.

60, 40, or 20% financial assistance will be considered for registration costs. Remaining fees need to be paid by the family, and must be paid before tryouts. If the fees are not paid, the participant(s) cannot try out. If a participant does not try out, they will not be eligible to

participate on an "A" Team, when more than one team is formed at their age level. Payment of remaining fees is still required prior to the season starting.

Financial assistance may only be applied toward registration fees. Other costs may be associated with the program, such as tournament fees, additional uniform items etc., remain the responsibility of the applicant.

The Volunteer Fee (\$400 10U+/\$200 8U) will still be collected. If your volunteer commitment of twelve (12 - 10U+/6 (3 hours during regular season, 3 hours during Monti Classic Tournament) - 8U) hours is not completed by July 25th, the credit card on file will be charged. The MGFA board of directors reserves the right to request additional information at the time the assistance is being considered.

The MGFA board of directors reserves the right to deviate from these policies and procedures, upon a majority vote of all members where such deviation is necessitated by unusual circumstances unique to the applicant or his/her family.

Player registration refunds will only be made to players if Monticello Girls Fastpitch cannot field a full team (due to unavailability of coaches or insufficient number of player registrations), if the player is not placed on a team, or if a player withdraws from the program before tryouts begin. Preseason injuries will be refunded at the Board of Directors discretion. Other than the exceptions just listed, there will be no refunds made once tryouts have begun. Late fees are not refundable.

### **Player Tryouts**

The MGFA Board of Directors is aware that there is no perfect method for team selection. MGFA uses a similar process to other local associations and has identified a tryout process meant to offer all players a chance to make a team of their caliber and to be fairly evaluated.

Our goal is to provide a tryout environment that is fair to all players and allows them to demonstrate their abilities to a group of well-qualified evaluators. Our evaluators have fastpitch experience and are hired from an outside fastpitch organization (MN Fastpitch Academy). The tryout drills are predetermined and are intended to demonstrate specific skills for the evaluators. Evaluators rate various skills on a predetermined point scale. If a call back tryout is offered, the top scoring players from each age level will be invited back for a second tryout. Tryouts will follow a blind, closed door process. Players cannot wear anything that identifies a past MGFA team, or jersey number. No one will be allowed in the tryout area except the players, volunteers, board members and evaluators. Board members and volunteers with participating children will be removed during their child's evaluation. Players will be assigned a number as they check in. Each evaluation area will have its own evaluation sheets, and scores will be aggregated by the player's tryout number, not player name. Tryout results are kept confidential. The evaluators are not allowed to see the score sheets of other evaluators, or the final results.

Tryouts are typically held in March/April for the summer season. Fall ball does not have tryouts, and all teams are divided to create the best experience for the team. All players, 10U and above, must participate in tryouts (there are no tryouts for 6U/8U). Tryouts consist of throwing, fielding, catching (optional), pitching (optional), and batting evaluations. Players should expect to provide information at tryouts on their availability during the season. For example, vacations, camps, other sports activities and such that may affect time spent with their fastpitch team.

Tryout procedures for 10U-HS players may vary (ball size, pitching machine speeds, and pitching rubber distances).

8U players don't attend tryouts; however, they must attend a **mandatory** skills day before the season begins (typically March/April timeframe). Skills day will include throwing, batting, fielding, and catching stations to best assess each player's skill level. Teams will be formed based after skills day to ensure each player is placed on a team that is equal to their current skill level.

### **Team Formation**

The Board recognizes that MGFA has an obligation to our players and to our opponents, to form teams with skill levels commensurate with age and competitive ability. Therefore, teams at the 10U, 12U, 14U, and HS age levels will be formed on the basis of tryout evaluations. When possible (often based on player numbers), an "A" team at each level will be selected and automatically include the top seven (7) players, regardless of positions. The remaining players for the "A" team shall be selected by the MGFA Board of Directors and the Head Coach (should a coach already be identified) from the remaining pool of eligible players. The remaining teams will be created to help ensure players are distributed fairly among team rosters. Players from other communities that sign up to play in the MGFA will be placed on teams based on a decision by the MGFA Board of Directors. All teams will be placed in the appropriate league based on their anticipated skill level and discussion with the head coach.

With the exception of 6U/8U, teams will ideally have a roster of 11 players. To ensure the maximum number of registered players can be placed on a team, MGFA will try to place a maximum of 13 players and a minimum of 10 players on a team. MGFA will make every effort to place all registered players on a team; however, at all age levels, the number of teams formed will be limited to the extent that there are sufficient pitchers, catchers, and coaches to support a team. In the event MGFA has no option except to limit the number of teams due to insufficient players, pitching, catching, or coaching, then team roster decisions will be based on player tryout scores and/or board voting, with no guarantee of placement on a team.

## **Team Selection**

Special attention will be given to the number of pitchers and catchers at each level so teams will be able to field a quality team. Pitchers and catchers may be placed on teams based upon pitching and catching ability, positional play, or both. If pitching or catching is what a player wants to do, we want to give that player the opportunity to use and improve those skills throughout the season.

The MGFA Board of Directors reviews the tryout results and organizes teams based on the tryout scores. All teams must be approved by the Board of Directors. The President or Vice President will assure all teams are selected based on score results in a fair and unbiased manner. Coaches may be invited to provide player feedback regarding prior year practice and game participation, but not as a replacement for tryout scores. Coaches and team rosters will be posted on the MGFA website.

## **Evaluation of Pitchers**

Pitcher evaluations will be done at tryouts and pitchers will receive a pitching score that is separate from their skill evaluation. Pitchers are evaluated on speed, accuracy/placement, and effectiveness.

There are some pitching realities that players should consider when playing 10U and up.

1. If you are a pitcher that would like to play at the next age level, you would need to rank in the top 5 of the next age level as an overall player.
2. On most teams, the top pitcher often gets up to 70% of the innings pitched. The second pitcher will get a majority of the remaining innings. A third pitcher will not get many innings. The third pitcher, if there is one, may pitch a lot in practice, but game time may be limited. Exceptions with C level teams and fair pitching time.

## **Evaluation of Catchers**

The same principles as described above, applies to catchers when playing 10U and up.

## **PLAYING UP**

The North American Fastpitch Association (NAFA) dictates age groupings. The MGFA Board of Directors will follow these guidelines. MGFA allows players to try out for up to one level above them. In order to be a lock in at a higher level, the player must place in the top five (5) of the higher age level. The top 5 will consist of the athletes playing at that age level (not including

athletes that have moved up to the next level) \*If they do not qualify, they will still be eligible for call backs.

In order for an 8U player to be eligible to play up, that child must meet the following requirements:

- Player must have played at 8U level for 2 years.
- Player must participate in tryouts and qualify in the top 50% of 10U. \*

The MGFA Board of Directors reserves the right to select a player(s) to move up to a higher age level in order to fill out rosters in order to maintain the interests of the program.

### **Travel**

All MGFA teams are traveling teams and will be required to travel to different communities to participate in league games and tournaments. Parents and players having conflicts in schedules or transportation should make arrangements with other parents or players to ensure that they will be able to participate. Each team depends on all players being in attendance at every game.

### **Volunteer Expectations**

Monticello Girls Fastpitch Association is a volunteer organization that depends on all members participating in various activities throughout the season. Our volunteers help us to keep our player costs down and ensure that no one person is over burdened with a majority of the tasks.

MGFA requires volunteer hours per season, per oldest athletes age group as followed:

<b>Age</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Volunteer Amount</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
10U - 16U	12 Hours	\$400	Registration
8U	6 Hours	\$200	Registration

If a family has two athletes, one on 12U and another on 8U the family would follow the oldest child's requirements.

Credit/Debit card used at time of registration will be charged \$1 at time of registration.. Volunteer amount (\$200 or \$400) will only be charged if the volunteer requirement is not fulfilled.

Families failing to work required hours of volunteer time will have their credit/debit card charged by the end of July. Note that each team can only have 3 people exempt from DIBS for coaching/team manager. The head coach will determine who is eligible for this.

Once you have committed to a specific date, you are expected to work those hours. You have up to 5 days before your shift to cancel in Dibs. If, within 5 days of your shift, you cannot work the hours you have signed up for, **YOU MUST** find a replacement. If you cannot find a replacement, contact the Volunteer (DIBS) Director as soon as possible.

If you fail to show up for a claimed shift, this is considered a “no-show.” No-shows may be billed \$50 per no-show. You are responsible for making up the shift so that at the end of the season, all required volunteer time has been completed.

Families who 1) don’t complete their volunteer hours, 2) cancel card used to register or 3) who have not paid their no-show fees, will not be allowed to register their daughter to play for the subsequent softball season until the account has been paid in full. This includes paying any applicable bank charges.

**The following positions are exempt from completing additional volunteer hours:**

- Head coach - 1 per team
- Assistant coach - 1 per team
- 1 Additional Assistant coach or 1 Team Manager.
- MGFA Board of Directors

These individuals will total well over 12 hours in a given season and we greatly appreciate their help.

**Uniforms and Equipment**

Monticello Girls Fastpitch Association requires parents to buy the required MGFA uniform (jersey and pants) for the softball season (6U T-shirts are included in registration). This is done in order to keep registration costs down for parents from season to season. Requiring subsequent uniforms only be bought when a player out grows or wears out a particular item, or when uniform designs are changed (typically every 5 years). Jerseys **MUST** be ordered through MGFA. Additional items required to play can be purchased through other avenues and are also the responsibility of the family.

These items include:

1. Over the knee socks (red) and a Belt
2. Fielding glove (Required)
3. Fielders mask (Required for all infield play)
4. Batting helmets with NOCSAE approved face mask. (Required)

(MGFA does not provide batting helmets due to health and hygiene concerns)

5. Batting gloves (Optional)

6. Softball shoes

6U-12U Levels - No metal spikes are allowed.

14U-HS players are allowed to wear metal or polyurethane spikes.

7. Sliding shorts (Optional)

8. Team bats are available for use by players for 6U-12U

(Should you wish to purchase your own bat, be aware that all bats must conform to the ASA bat performance standard. For info on sizing and compliance, visit our website under Home > Parents)

9. Softball bag

(Players will need something in which to carry their equipment and possessions. From past experience, we can recommend that players include the following items in their softball bags: sunscreen, bug spray, batting gloves, sweatshirt, raincoat, hat, visor, or sunglasses, dry socks, and a small amount of money)

**Other items of note:** Jewelry may not be worn during games. This includes earrings, bracelets, and necklaces. Caps and visors are optional but, if worn, must be worn properly with the bill forward. Handkerchiefs may not be worn on a player's head or neck.

### **Projected Player Costs for 2026**

These costs are covered by the player registration fees and are subsidized with revenue generated by MGFA through concessions, fundraising, hosting the 10U state qualifier, and donations. Individual teams may have costs above and beyond those funded by MGFA, such as extra tournaments or team parties.

The projected cost per player/team in 2026, for a team with 11 players is (6U/8U 10 players):

6U- \$50/\$500s

8U \$210/\$2100

10U-18U \$470/\$5170

### **Player Expectations**

### *Player, team, and coach relations*

Every coach and player should be treated with dignity and respect. This is absolutely the top priority for every coach and player. It includes using positive reinforcement and working out issues in private conversations. Always compliment in public and constructively criticize in private. Any player who feels she is not being treated appropriately should discuss the issue with her coach, after a 24-hour cooling off period. If speaking with the coach does not resolve the issue, please refer to MGFA's grievance policy.

### *Practice*

Practice is the most important aspect in learning to play softball. Players are expected to be on time and attend all practices scheduled by the coach. If unable to attend a practice, the coach should be notified as soon as possible. **Continuous absence from practice may result in diminished playing time in games.**

### *Games and tournaments*

Players are expected to be on time for pre-game warmups before all games as scheduled by the coach. If unable to attend or if you will be late, the coach should be notified as soon as possible. This is especially important for tournaments. Not informing the coach could result in the entire team showing up and being unable to play.

### *Batting Expectations*

10U and Under - Coaches will be responsible for rotating the batting order to the best of their ability. This will allow each player to get as close to the same amount of plate appearances as possible during league games in order to develop each player's hitting skills. Tournament batting orders will be at the coach's discretion.

12U and Up - May be at coaches discretion, based on the player's ability.

### *Pitcher Expectations*

Coaches will, to best of their ability, identify game time opportunities for pitchers who want to develop their skills. These opportunities will generally be during league games. A pitcher, however, should not expect to be included in a regular pitching rotation until she can demonstrate her ability to throw strikes.

### *Fielding Position Expectations*

Players at the younger age levels (6U, 8U, 10U) will be given playing time at a variety of fielding

positions to allow them to be the most successful and safe. Pitchers and catchers will also be rotated to develop as multi-position players. Every effort will be made to develop the skills necessary for every player to play at multiple positions. All age levels should encourage every player to learn an infield and outfield position.

Assessing each player's abilities to play preferred positions and balancing the needs of the team as a whole will be done by the coaching staff and determine the starting players at each position. This is a team sport, and players may be asked to play in a non-preferred position for the overall good of the team. All players should have more opportunity to play where they prefer during league games as opposed to tournament games.

### *Playing Time Expectations*

Coaches will be responsible, to the best of their ability, to ensure players get as close to the same number of innings played in the field as possible during League games. This applies to players who attend the vast majority of the games and practices while maintaining a good attitude and being a good team member. It is important to attend the majority of practices/games. This will set each player and team up for the greatest success. Stay in close communication with your coach if you will be absent. Keep in mind that the coach might not be able to play an athlete as often if they are frequently absent.

Each team is required to keep the normal and ordinary game statistics (scorebook) and attendance records for the team. The game statistics should show innings played and at bats by game and for the entire season for each player. If requested by the Board of Directors, the coach will be asked to provide statistics that will verify compliance to this policy.

### *Sub Expectations*

- If you are in a situation where a sub is needed:
  - Only 8 players for a league game
  - Only 9 players for a tournament
- Coach needs to complete the following steps:
  - 1. Contact one of the coach coordinators to let them know of your situation:
    - Coaching Coordinator
  - 2. Contact the coach of the team that you plan to ask/recruit a sub from.
    - A player cannot miss their assigned team's game or tournament to play for a different team.
  - 3. Make sure the player and the parent agree to play on your team for that game/tournament.
    - Players of the same age group, or one age group lower would be eligible recruits.
  - 2. Your assigned team will make up your State Qualifier and State Roster, you can't sub for those tournaments. If you are looking into a sub because you are short players and another team is no longer playing, it MUST be approved by [MN Softball](#).

## **FALL LEAGUE**

Fall league game rules allow players an opportunity to learn new aspects of the game in a shortened season. It is the ideal time for players new to softball to try it out for a shortened season. It's great for players moving to a new age level the next season and for established players to continue working on their game. MGFA has established the following fall league guidelines to encourage a fun, learning experience for players.

- There will be open registration for fall league, without tryouts.
- Team Formation and Selections will adhere to the same guidelines as the summer league. The first 13 players registered will be guaranteed a team as long as enough sign up to field one. However, if more than one team is created for an age group, the board will review the list of players and try to keep the players that played summer league together as much as possible. The season runs from August through September.
- Practices are twice a week.
- Four double headers and one state tournament are played on Saturdays/Sundays.
- There will be new DIBS for the fall season. Credit/Debit card used at time of registration will be charged \$1 at time of registration. Volunteer amount (\$200) will only be charged if the volunteer requirement is not fulfilled. 6 hours of DIBS must be completed.

## **MGFA Disruptive Conduct Policy**

Disruptive Conduct shall be defined as any of the following activities

1. Continued violation of the Parent Code of Conduct (see below) despite being asked by a coach, or any other official of MGFA, to follow and adhere to terms set forth in the Parent Code of Conduct.
2. Engaging in any communication or physical action with another parent, a player, a coach, a game official, or an MGFA official, where such communication is harassing, abusive, or threatening.
3. Communicating with parents or players in such a way that demeans or undermines a coach, an MGFA official, or MGFA policies.
4. Disruptive Conduct should be reported to the Vice President with

a. The party allegedly displaying the Disruptive Conduct

b. Details of the situation to include any third party witnesses with firsthand knowledge of the situation.

5. The Vice President will investigate the report. If it is determined that the reported party has engaged in Disruptive Conduct the Vice President will determine if a written warning will be issued or if the matter should be immediately referred to the President in order to convene a Grievance Committee. If a written warning is issued and the Disruptive Conduct continues a Grievance Committee will be convened.

6. The Grievance Committee will proceed in accordance with the Grievance Committee process set forth

in the MGFA Grievance Policy. If the Committee determines a party has engaged in Disruptive Conduct, that party may be sanctioned as appropriate in one of the following ways:

a. Issued a verbal warning to immediately cease engaging in such conduct.

b. Suspension from attending in any way future practices, games, or team meetings.

b1. Such suspension can include either some or all of the remaining practices, games, and/or team meetings in such a year.

b2. If a suspension is put in place, the suspension shall not prevent a parent from dropping off or picking up their child from the event.

c. A permanent ban from all future MGFA practices, games, team meetings, or other events indefinitely.

## **MGFA Grievance Policy**

1. A grievance will be raised first with the head coach in a private and constructive fashion outside of a game, or tournament setting, and will not be raised in the presence of other parents or the players.
2. Grievances will be raised after a 24 hour "cooling off" period. The objective of this "cooling off" period is to prevent acting in haste and enable the person or persons with the grievance the opportunity to rethink and review the circumstances and details of the grievance prior to scheduling a conference with the head coach. The head coach and a third party (an assistant coach or board member) will attend the conference.
3. If a conference with the coach does not lead to resolution of the grievance, the parent or player may submit the following information via email to the Vice President:
  - a. The party with whom you have a grievance.
  - b. Details of the situation to include all affected individuals and any third party witnesses with firsthand knowledge of the situation.
  - c. Recommendation of a resolution.
4. If review by the Vice President does not resolve the situation, the parent may raise the grievance to the President by submitting the following information via email and the President will bring the matter before the Board of Directors to convene a Grievance Committee.
  - a. The party/parties involved in the grievance.
  - b. Details of the situation to include any third party witnesses with firsthand knowledge of the situation.
  - c. Requested resolution
5. The Grievance Committee is chaired by the President and includes the Vice President and/or two other Board Directors.
6. The Grievance Committee will investigate the complaint and make a determination as follows.
  - a. Review documentation submitted with the grievance.
  - b. Interview the individuals directly involved. The interviews can be in the form of

a face-to-face meeting, a phone conversation, or electronic communication that allows the individuals to state their version of the incident in question.

7. After a thorough investigation, the Grievance Committee will make a determination of the appropriate actions(s), if any to be administered. If any action(s) other than a warning is determined to be appropriate, then the party(s) involved shall be notified in writing. The action(s) shall be effective immediately.

8. Appeal - In the event a determination is made involving any action(s) other than the issuance of a warning an appeal may be made as follows:

- a. Only the party or parties sanctioned may appeal.
- b. The appeal must be made in the form of a written request for reconsideration to be submitted to the Board President within seven days of the notification of the sanction(s).
- c. Notification of the sanction(s) shall be deemed to have been made, either upon personal delivery or two business days following email notification to the email address of the parent/guardian provided at registration.
- d. Appeals shall be heard by the full Board of Directors at the next regularly scheduled board meeting.
- e. Appeals shall be heard in person with all affected parties being given an opportunity to present in person to the Board their version of the circumstances surrounding the incident in question. To reduce friction and further conflict the Board may choose to listen to affected parties at different times.

I/We hereby acknowledge that I/We have read and understand the Monticello Girls Fastpitch player and parent handbook and agree to the policies and standards of Monticello Girls Fastpitch Association.

Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **MGFA Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct**

Participation in Monticello Girls Fastpitch is a privilege that should invoke a sense of pride in the athlete. It is also a responsibility that requires a commitment from the parents/guardians to support their daughter, her teammates, coaches, and the MGFA community. Standards of behavior are high and a willingness to live up to them is part of being a member of the MGFA.

In order to uphold these standards, we ask all parents/guardians to agree to the following Code of Conduct.

1. I will remember that the game is for the children, not the adults; to show my child that I care more about her than I do about the score of the game, and that winning and losing are both part of the game.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
3. I will refrain from consuming alcohol at any practice or game or arriving at a game or practice while under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substance.
4. I will refrain from using profanity or offensive language.
5. I will demonstrate a positive and respectful attitude to players, opponents, coaches, officials, and other parents at every practice, game, or team related event to promote an enjoyable experience for all.
6. I will support my daughter's commitment to her team by getting her to and from practice and games on time and will notify the coaches in advance if a conflict arises.
7. I will encourage my child to put forth her best effort on and off the field, during practice and games alike.
8. I will refrain from making negative or inflammatory comments about my daughter's coach, teammates, umpires, or opponents prior, during, or following games. I will not post negative comments on social media.
9. I will encourage my daughter to speak to her coach privately and respectfully if she has questions or concerns.
10. I will allow a 24-hour cool down period before communicating with a coach in an objective and adult manner. I will not confront a coach prior, during, or immediately following a game.
11. I will adhere to the grievance policy in the parent and player handbook, located on the MGFA website, if I am unable to resolve an issue with a coach, parent, or MGFA member.
12. I will read and abide by the Disruptive Conduct Policy in the parent and player handbook located on the MGFA website.
13. I understand that only coaches and team managers are allowed in the dugout or on the field during games. Per ASA rules, MGFA requires all adults that enter the dugout or the

field of play to have a background check on file with their association.

I understand that my family and I must honor this pledge. I understand there are consequences that may include a suspension or ban from attending future practices, games, or team meetings if I do not honor my commitments in this code of conduct.

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