

PARENT AND PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Spring Lake Park Softball Association (SLPSA)

As a member of the Spring Lake Park Softball Association softball program, we agree to abide by the rules listed below:

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

CORE PRINCIPLES

SLPSA participation must be healthy, positive and safe for everyone involved. Team activities must be conducted in an environment that values good sportsmanship while representing Spring Lake Park as a first class community.

Parents and spectators of SLPSA are actively involved in creating and supporting an environment that fosters positive athletic experiences for all participants including players, coaches, officials, the opposing team and all fans.

CORE PRACTICES

- ❖ Parents give encouragement and support to their children regardless of the degree of success, the level of skill or time on the field
- ❖ Parents stress the importance of respect for all participants, including coaches, officials, players and the opposing team and highlight the critical nature of contributing to the team and its success
- ❖ Parents serve as role models, see the “big picture” and support all players
- ❖ Parents leave coaching to coaches and do not criticize coaching strategies or team performance. They discuss any concerns in an appropriate manner privately. They also encourage their child to communicate directly with the coach.
- ❖ They avoid putting pressure on their children about playing time and performance
- ❖ Spectators show good sportsmanship by acknowledging fine performance, demonstrating respect for all coaches, officials and players, and by refraining from antagonistic behavior intended to interfere with an athlete’s performance
- ❖ Parents learn the value of competition and how to handle success with grace and failure with dignity

Unacceptable Practices

- ❖ Attitudes that stress the playing time or position played by their child over the success of the team
- ❖ Over-involvement that includes sideline coaching, interventions and conversations with their child during games
- ❖ Displays of disrespect toward officials, coaches and the opposing team and their fans through their words and actions
- ❖ Unrealistic expectations and pressure that emphasize physical performance over personal health
- ❖ Failure to report injuries or illness of their child to the coach
- ❖ Those who fail to respect individual differences and diversity

Consequences

- ❖ Verbal/Written warning
- ❖ Banned from activity

Parent/Guardian

Date