



TWIN VALLEY GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT

The Twin Valley Girls Summer Softball League (TVGSL) believes good sportsmanship is the number one goal of our organization. Because of this, we expect those who participate in the TVGSSL to follow a Code of Conduct that supports and encourages good sportsmanship before, during, and after all games throughout the season.

In keeping with our “ZERO TOLERANCE” policy, **The TVL IS SMOKE FREE**. It is the responsibility of ALL representatives and coaches to make sure that there is **NO SMOKING** at the fields where our girls play.

Sportsmanship Code

Everyone

- Treat players, coaches and umpires with respect at all times.
- Respect the decisions of the umpires.
- Refrain from negative remarks towards the umpires, players and coaches during and after the game.
- Respect the property of others; this includes playing fields and equipment as well as property unrelated to the game.
- Recognize and appreciate a good play no matter who makes it.
- Exercise self-control at all times. This sets the example for others to follow
- Avoid inappropriate gestures and language.

Coaches

- Accept the decisions of umpires without showing inappropriate emotions.
- Avoid public displays of criticism in front of players and spectators.
- Demonstrate, teach and encourage good sportsmanship.
- Know, teach, and follow the rules of softball.
- Understand and abide by the Twin Valley roster rules regarding Club/USA players.
- Line up cards **MUST** be exchanged prior to every game, with an (*) denoting your club/tournament players.

Players

- Remember that softball is a team sport and EVERY position is just as important as another.
- Win without boasting. Lose without excuses. Never quit.
- Practice good sportsmanship at all times.

Parents, Guardians and Spectators

- Teach and encourage good sportsmanship.
- Encourage players with positive comments; do not criticize coaches or players during a game.
- Allow coaches to concentrate on the game without parent/spectator intervention.
- Remain in the spectator area, not near the bench during games.
- Understand and abide by the Twin Valley roster rules regarding Club/USA players.

Town Reps are responsible for communicating the code of conduct to head coaches, coaches, parents and players. Any Head Coach, Asst. Coach, or Scorekeeper who is ejected from a game, will serve a minimum one game suspension. Any further action will be handled by the Board. Complaints involving parent misconduct will go before the Board for appropriate actions. Coach, player, or spectator violation of league rules may result in a one game suspension, game forfeiture, or possibly season suspension. Umpires have authority to monitor and discipline any individual within the ballpark during the game. The decision of the umpire is final in all cases.