



# BEMIDJI GIRLS FASTPITCH SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

## Parent & Athlete Code of Conduct



### CONSEQUENCES

#### Violating the Code of Conduct

A coach may, at any time, limit a player's playing or practice time if they feel the player has violated the Code of Conduct.

To maintain a positive environment for our young athletes, any parent, guardian, or athlete who consistently violates the Code of Conduct may also face the following consequences:

- Verbal warning from a coach or team manager.
- Written warning outlining specific behaviors that need to change.
- Temporary suspension from attending games and practices.
- Permanent removal of parent, guardian, or participant from the team if behaviors continue after multiple warnings.

We understand that emotions can run high during competitive sports, but we must work together to create a fun and empowering environment for our young athletes. By adhering to this Parent Code of Conduct, we can ensure everyone has an unforgettable experience participating with the 10U Bemidji Youth Softball team.

### OUR MISSION

Bemidji Girls Fastpitch Softball Association is a community-based organization designed to provide an opportunity for all interested players to participate in an organized and competitive program based on fundamentals, skill development, and teamwork. Our mission is to foster self-esteem, good sportsmanship, and leadership. To ensure everyone has a positive experience, we ask all parents or guardians, and athletes to adhere to our Code of Conduct.

### SPORTSMANSHIP & RESPECT

Participation in the program is a privilege, and should be approached by the athletes, coaches and parents as such. Each participant is representing Bemidji and should reflect sportsmanship in his or her actions on and off the field. Be a role model of sportsmanship and respect. Show appreciation for good plays by both teams and encourage all players. Respect the decisions of coaches and umpires, even if you disagree, which you will at some point in the season. Set an example by treating everyone with kindness and respect.

### FOCUS ON ALL PLAYERS

Prioritize the best interests of all players. Remember that this is about the kids, not the adults. Support their growth by allowing the coaches to experiment with different techniques to improve the skills of each player and enhance team performance. Trust the process and give constructive feedback when appropriate.

### COMMUNICATE RESPECTFULLY

Communicate with coaches and players positively and respectfully. Engage with coaches and players through love, mercy, acceptance, and appropriate timing. Give praise and encouragement, and if you have concerns or suggestions, approach them constructively. We are all on the same team!

### SUPPORT THE TEAM

Support the team and help create a positive environment. Participate in team events, volunteer when needed, and work together to build a strong community among players and families. Remember that we're all in this together to provide an empowering experience for our future leaders.

### 24-HOUR RULE

Follow the "24-hour rule." If you have concerns or frustrations about a game, practice, or coaching decision, give yourself 24 hours to cool off before approaching the coach. This time ensures that conversations are productive and focused on the best interests of the player and team.

**I have read and agree to follow the Code of Conduct:**

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Athlete Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Athlete Signature: \_\_\_\_\_