

# **NORTH SHORE GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT**

## **North Shore Girls Softball League (NSGSL) Code of Conduct**

In order to advance the principals of sportsmanship and fair play and to promote mutual respect amongst coaches, parents, spectators, players and umpires, NSGSL has established this Code of Conduct (the "Code"). By registering to participate in the league, all NSGSL coaches, parents, spectators and players agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. The Code is intended to provide behavioral guidance and establish clear expectations for all involved. The Code was not conceived to address every possible behavioral circumstance, however it shall serve as the NSGSL's standard for behavioral evaluation. Any person violating the Code will be subject to administrative action as determined by the NSGSL Executive Board, up to and including termination of his/her privilege to participate in, or attend, any or all NSGSL activities.

### **Code of Conduct – Coaches**

Coaches shall remain unconditionally supportive of the NSGSL's commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority. Likewise, coaches shall remain sensitive to the physical and emotional well being of the players on his/her team. In order to adhere to these doctrines the coaches agree to the following:

- Coaches will be positive role models and display/ instill in their players the principles of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Coaches will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players and ensure that winning and/or losing teams do so in a manner that exhibits respect and good sportsmanship.
- Coaches will treat all players, parents, spectators, opposing coaches and board members with respect.
- Coaches will provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive and will not ridicule or demean players, other coaches or umpires.
- Coaches will not tolerate behavior from players, spectators, other coaches or anyone else that endangers the health or well-being of a child.
- Coaches will comply with the decisions of board members and observe all rules, policy and procedures as established or endorsed by NSGSL.
- Coaches will teach the game of softball to the best of their ability.
- Coaches will be drug free and not allowed to drink alcoholic beverages or use tobacco products on the field, inside or outside of the dugout.
- Coaches acknowledge the need to demonstrate fundamental proficiencies with respect to the game of softball and first aid. Consequently, all coaches agree to attend any skill sessions that may be required by the Board of Directors and moreover, any first aid courses that may be mandated by the Board.
- Wearing of the approved spirit wear and uniforms is expected of each player and their manager to participate in the NSGSL program. (Players, managers, parents, and/ or teams shall not deviate from the approved spirit wear and uniforms may not alter the approved spirit wear, equipment bags and uniforms or create their own NSGSL equipment bags, uniforms or spirit wear items)

## **Code of Conduct – Parents and Spectators**

- Parents and Spectators shall support the players, coaches, umpires and board members. Parents and Spectators shall not "coach" or "officiate" while on the sidelines. Parents and Spectators will do their best to provide the players a positive experience. Parents and Spectators agree to the following:
- Parents and Spectators will be positive role models and display & instill in all players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Parents and Spectators will not use social media sites to discuss negative opinions or post any negative or derogatory images of players, coaches, board members, managers or volunteers.
- Parents and Spectators will not use social media sites to post anything intended to have a negative impact on players, coaches, board members, managers or volunteers.
- Parents and Spectators will not use media of any kind to discuss negative opinions about NSGSL or its coaches, board members, players, managers or volunteers. Any issues or concerns should be addressed with NSGSL Board Members.
- Parents and Spectators will not speak negatively about NSGSL or its coaches, board members, players, managers or volunteers. Any issues or concerns should be addressed with NSGSL Board Members.
- Parents and Spectators will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players.
- Parents will make certain that their children show respect for all other players, coaches, officials and spectators.
- Parents and Spectators will not ridicule or demean players, coaches, board members or umpires.
- Parents will inform the coach of any disability or ailment that may affect the safety of their child.
- Parents and Spectators will treat all players, board members, spectators, and umpires fairly and with respect.
- Parents and Spectators will comply with the decisions of the NSGSL General Board and Executive Board and observe all rules, policies and procedures as established or endorsed by the NSGSL league.
- Parents and Spectators will not question an umpire's call.
- Parents and Spectators will respect the opponent and avoid any confrontation with opposing players, spectators, or coaches.
- Parents will support coaches, managers, board members, and officials working with their child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- Parents will remember that coaches/managers/board members are volunteering their time.
- Parents and Spectators will be drug free and not allowed to drink alcoholic beverages or use tobacco products on the field, inside or outside of the dugout.
- Wearing of the approved spirit wear and uniforms is expected of each player and their manager to participate in the NSGSL program. (Players, managers, parents,

and/ or teams shall not deviate from the approved spirit wear and uniforms may not alter the approved spirit wear, equipment bags and uniforms or create their own NSGSL equipment bags, uniforms or spirit wear items)

### **Code of Conduct – Players**

The Players shall:

- Display good sportsmanship and team play at all times.
- Follow the direction of the Coaching Staff and respect all coaches, players, board members, umpires and spectators.
- Make every attempt to be on time and ready to play for all games and practices.

The Players shall not:

- Use abusive or profane language.
- Taunt or humiliate any other player.
- Question an umpire's call.
- Abuse, mistreat or mishandle any NSGSL league equipment or property.
- Not use social media sites to discuss negative opinions about players, coaches, board members, managers and volunteers.
- Not use social media sites to post any negative or derogatory images of players, coaches, board members, managers or volunteers.
- Not use social media sites to post anything intended to have a negative impact on players, coaches, board members, managers or volunteers.
- Wearing of the approved spirit wear and uniforms is expected of each player and their manager to participate in the NSGSL program. (Players, managers, parents, and/ or teams shall not deviate from the approved spirit wear and uniforms may not alter the approved spirit wear, equipment bags and uniforms or create their own NSGSL equipment bags, uniforms or spirit wear items)

The North Shore Executive Board by majority vote reserves the right to not accept a player's / parent's / family's registration. In the event the registration is denied that registration fee will be refunded.