



Eagan Fastpitch Softball 2018 Down 'N Dirty Tournament

To: **All registered teams: Coaches and Team Managers**
Re: **Youth 1st Team Award Program**

Thank you for participating in the 2018 Down 'N Dirty Tournament!

Eagan Fastpitch Softball will once again host the Youth 1st Team Awards Program in the Down 'N Dirty tournament. It is a simple, yet significant program that will enhance the experience for players, coaches, umpires, and fans by placing an emphasis on good sportsmanship and positive conduct!

The Umpires will be handing each coach a Conduct 1st Pocket Reminder as part of the pre-game coach's meetings. This is a reminder that the tournament is a Conduct 1st Environment. The card emphasizes three main points:

REMEMBER.... It's about the kids.

I WILL Keep my competitive energy in check.

I WILL ALWAYS Treat officials and opponents with respect.

We are asking all coaches to please partner with your umpires to ensure that this emphasis is maintained throughout the game by yourself, assistant coaches, your players and your fans. We also recommend sharing the card with your fans as the game starts.

At the conclusion of each game, the umpire will vote for each team that exhibits the conduct, behavior and attitudes as defined by the three points of emphasis. Remind your parents the team vote includes PLAYERS, COACHES AND FANS! After the tournament, teams that receive positive votes of 80% (or more), compared to the number of games played, will be contacted. These teams will be recognized in their community with a Youth 1st Team Award, including MN Twins tickets and pre-game recognition at Target Field!

Thank you for assisting us in this process! We believe the Youth 1st Team Awards Program is a positive influence during the tournament, making the experience even better for you, the fans, officials and especially the kids!

Thank you!

Mark Arjes
Founder / Director - Youth 1st





Youth 1st Team Award Selections from the 2017 Down 'N Dirty Tournament

10U Minnetonka Kullberg

12U Anoka Ramsey Abrahamson

12U Apple Valley Fusion Black

12U Eagan - Dierberger

12U Eagan - Hancock

U14 Lady Canes

U14 Mankato Peppers Elite

16U Arctic Blast Black

16U Hastings Raiders

16U Mississippi Valley Pride

16U MN Ice

16U Silver Bullets Extreme

