



# PV Elite Fastpitch Softball

## *Player Code of Conduct*

### **Mission Statement**

*Our mission is to have highly competitive teams comprised of participants from the Prairie Village recreational leagues. These teams will have a strong emphasis on sportsmanship, commitment, respect, teamwork, knowledge of the game and community involvement. This cannot be accomplished without the dedication of our players, coaches, parents and volunteers.*

### **Core Principles**

***PV Elite Fastpitch participation must be healthy, positive and safe for everyone involved. Team activities must be conducted in an environment that values good sportsmanship while representing Prairie Village as a first-class organization.***

***Participants in PV Elite Fastpitch have the opportunity to demonstrate the following attributes: sportsmanship, leadership, dedication and commitment. The Code of Conduct defines the expectations for players.***

### **Core Practices**

- The physical and emotional health and safety of athletes are a primary consideration.
- Players actively participate in appropriate training and conditioning as instructed by their coaches.
- Players are making a commitment in writing to abstain from the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and other illegal substances.
- Players will strive to be the best they can be and always give their best effort both on and off the field, including in the classroom and during other school-related activities.
- Players listen to their coaches with respect and follow the instructions of the coaches.
- Players learn the value of competition and how to handle success with grace and defeat with dignity.
- Players should show respect for all participants including coaches, umpires, officials, other players and the opposing team.
- Players will wear the appropriate uniform, including the designated uniform socks, to each game.
- Players understand the importance of attending all practices, games and other team functions. They are expected to be responsible for coming prepared with all of their equipment. They agree to arrive on time or communicate their absence or tardiness with the coaches as soon as possible.
- Players should demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free sports environment for their teams.
- Players will respect the equipment, facilities and grounds they are allowed to use and help keep the area clean, including picking up the dugout after each game.

### **Money Matters and Fundraising**

All player accounts must be kept in good standing. If a player's account becomes delinquent the player may be held from participation until the account is made current. In addition, players are expected to actively participate in activities and fundraising to support PV Elite Fastpitch Softball. If a player leaves the PV Elite Fastpitch program, voluntarily or through disciplinary action, any fees or monies credited to their account will be forfeited.

### **Use of Prairie Village and PV Elite**

The Prairie Village and PV Elite names and logos are property of Prairie Village. Any use of these items on equipment, clothing, marketing materials or other merchandise must be approved by the current board of Prairie Village.

### Out of Bounds

- Players who fail to acknowledge participation in Prairie Village's recreational league(s) as a priority
- Players who participate in excessive training and conditioning
- Players who display disrespect towards parents, coaches, umpires, officials and the opposing team and their fans through their words and actions
- Players who fail to acknowledge they are part of a team and cannot play the game on their own
- Players who do not take their off-the-field responsibilities seriously
- Players who use performance-enhancing drugs, alcohol, tobacco or other illegal substances
- Players who steal, mistreat or abuse other people's equipment or belongings
- Players who fail to report their injuries and illnesses to their coaches
- Players who use profanity or discriminating speech at any time, including on public social media sites
- Players who fail to respect individual differences and diversity

### Code of Conduct Resolution

The officers of the current board of Prairie Village (Review Board) will review all Code of Conduct violations and decide if disciplinary measures need to be taken. These findings will then be presented to the other board members at the following meeting.

The following guidelines will be followed in terms of any disciplinary measures:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: 1-game/tournament suspension
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: 3-game/tournament suspension
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Dismissal from the program

NOTE: Depending on the severity of the violation, dismissal could result after any offense.

**Agreement and Contract**

I agree to the terms and conditions of the PV Elite Fastpitch Softball Code of Conduct. I have read the Code of Conduct expectations for Players and will abide by the rules while participating in any activity related to PV Elite Fastpitch Softball.

***It is mandatory that all Players sign this Code of Conduct prior participation on a PV Elite Fastpitch Softball team. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact any Prairie Village Board Member.***

**Players refusing to sign may be withheld from competition. Any violation of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including permanent removal, from the PV Elite Fastpitch program.**

**Team Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Prairie Village League President

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Date