

Northbrook Girls Softball

Our Code of Conduct

1. Introduction. At Northbrook Girls Softball, one of the things we are proudest of is our Code of Conduct. The Code sets out the rules under which our program operates. It was the very first document we drafted, and we were proud when the Park District adopted it as the model for other programs.

For the most part, we have been lucky here in Northbrook in that our players, coaches, and spectators are friendly, supportive, and generally WONDERFUL. But, when we've had to, we have acted firmly to enforce the code, and we will continue to do so. It's all part of providing our girls with the best we can possibly provide.

2. Purpose: The purpose of our Code was to make sure that our players, coaches, and families behaved at all times in a positive and supporting manner. The watchword of our Code is Respect for others.

3. Scope: The Code contains three primary sections, the first directed to Coaches, the second to Parents and the third to players. Each section provides rules of behavior which the Association intends to enforce.

For example, House League Coaches are required to give proper attention to their teams. This includes holding practices for the team at least the required minimum of times, rotating players according to the rules, and equalizing playing time to the greatest extent possible. A coach who fails to give attention to his team is warned once, and relieved of responsibility if the behavior continues.

If a coach engages in inappropriate language or behavior, he will be suspended from coaching at least one game for a first offense, and expelled from the league if the behavior is repeated.

Players are required to behave in the highest traditions of good sportsmanship at all times, and to show respect for other players, and for coaches, umpires, and spectators at all times. A player who fails to do so may be ejected from the game.

Equally important, our Code applies to parents and spectators, as well as to players and coaches.

Umpires of our games have the authority to eject a parent from the field, along with the parent's child, or to forfeit a game in extreme cases of misbehavior.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS, COACHES, PARENTS, AND SPECTATORS.

1. Coaches

1.1. Attention to Team. A coach shall give proper attention to his team.

1.1.1. Inattention to the team is defined as one or more of the following:

1.1.1.1. Failure to hold practice at least once per week.

1.1.1.2. Failure to give equal playing time.

1.1.1.3. Failure to give sufficient attention to or make sufficient adaptations for special needs players.

1.1.1.4. Failure to make lineups.

1.1.2. A coach found to be inattentive to his team shall be warned, on the first instance, by the Disciplinary Committee.

1.1.3. A coach found to be inattentive to his team shall be removed on the second instance.

1.2. Inappropriate Language or Conduct

1.2.1. Inappropriate language or conduct is identified as such by the umpire, if the language or conduct complained of occurred in a game, or by a parent or player if the language or conduct complained of occurred in a practice.

1.2.2. A coach found to have used inappropriate language or conduct shall be suspended for one game, immediately after the incident, and referred to the Disciplinary Committee for further consideration.

1.2.3. A coach found to have used inappropriate language or conduct a second time shall be expelled from the Association's programs for the remainder of the season.

1.3. Violence

1.3.1. A coach found to have acted violently against a player, umpire, fellow coach or spectator shall be expelled permanently from the Association's programs.

2. Parents

2.1. If in the opinion of an umpire, a child's parent or guardian (spectator) is behaving in a manner which is disruptive to the game or potentially harmful to other players or coaches, such person will be ejected from the ballpark.

2.2. If the person refuses to leave the ballpark, the daughter of that person shall also be required to leave the ballpark.

2.3. If the refusal persists, the game shall be forfeited.

3. Players

3.1. Players are expected to behave at all times in the highest of traditions of good sportsmanship.

3.1.1. This includes showing respect for teammates, opponents, coaches, umpires, and spectators.

3.2. A player who shows disrespect toward any umpire shall be ejected from the game.

3.3. A player who uses abusive language toward another players, a coach, an umpire or a spectator shall be suspended for an amount of time to be determined by the Disciplinary Committee.

3.4. A player who commits any act of physical violence upon another player, coach, umpire, or spectator shall be permanently expelled from the league.

4. The Disciplinary Committee shall consist of three members of the Board.

5. All disciplinary actions can be appealed to the Executive Board.