



SOFTBALL: PARENT CODE

We understand that **PARENTS** play a vital role in the development of student athletes and the success of our softball program. Therefore we expect parents to do the following:

- Be a positive role model through their own actions to make sure their child has the best softball experience possible
- Be a "**TEAM**" fan, not a "my kid" fan
- Weigh what their children say; they will tend to slant the truth to their advantage
- Show respect for the opposing players, coaches, spectators and support groups
- Be respectful of all officials' decisions. I know this can be hard!!!!
- Don't instruct their children before, during, or after a game, because it may conflict with the coach's plans and strategies.
- Do not talk with any player before or during a game or practice
- Do not come into the dugout or the field of play unless asked by a coach
- Don't talk negative about a coach, another player, or the team
- Don't have personal agendas. We are all here for the same reason—**THE GIRLS!**
- Help out and be a part of the softball program every day

Praise student-athletes in their attempt to improve themselves as students, as athletes and as people.

- Gain an understanding and appreciation for the rules of the contest
- Recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team
- Help their child learn that success is experienced in the development of their skills, and that they can feel good about themselves, win or lose
- Take time to talk with coaches in an appropriate manner, including proper time and place, if there is a concern. Be sure to follow the designated chain of command. (Coach, Athletic Director, Principal, Superintendent, and Board of Education). **Playing time will not be discussed with a parent.**
- Please reinforce our alcohol, tobacco, and other drug-free policies by refraining from the use of any such substances before and during athletic contests.
- Remember that a ticket to a school athletic event is a privilege to observe the contest