

**Give Respect To Get Respect!**

## Player's Code of Conduct

### **I will**

- Play by the rules.
- Never argue with the officials. Comply with umpires' decisions with dignity.
- Control my temper.
- Be a good sport.
- Treat all players as you would like to be treated.
- Co-operate with my coach, team-mates, opponents, and umpires; without them we don't have a game.
- Be a positive role model for softball at all times.
- Accept responsibility for my actions.
- Participate within the competition conditions and rules, and in the spirit of fair play.
- Refrain from offensive or abusive language or gestures.
- Refrain from making derogatory or demeaning remarks about any athlete, coach, umpire or participant.
- Not tolerate, participate or respond to acts of abuse, disrespect or aggression.
- Remember we all make mistakes.
- Sign the athlete's code of conduct pledge.

### **I will not**

- By my actions support the abuse of any other player, coach, umpire or official





Softball Ontario believes in Fair Play. Fair Play is defined as much more than playing within the rules. It includes respect for others, always playing within the right spirit. Fair play is defined as a way of thinking, not just a way of behaving. Fair play is a positive concept. Fair play is moved from a secondary position it currently occupies to centre stage. Fair play must be given the highest priority by all those indirectly or directly participating in the game of softball. Integrity, fairness and respect, these are the principles of fair play.

Softball Ontario has the right and the responsibility to publish clear guidelines on what is considered to be ethical or unethical behaviour and to ensure that, at all levels of participation and involvement, consistent policies and practices related to fair play are applied.

Softball Ontario is undertaking the Respect My Game 2010 campaign to raise the awareness of fair play and to reduce abusive situations in the game of softball.

Softball Ontario is deeply committed to improving the sportsmanship and the behaviour of all participants. It is extremely important that all stakeholders be part of this commitment, and do their part to enhance a positive experience in softball.

## Stakeholder's Code of Conduct

### I Will

- Act as a responsible person.
- Acknowledge and appreciate efforts made by all participants.
- Be respectful of athletes, coaches, officials and spectators.
- Respect the rules.
- Encourage others to enjoy sport.
- Respect the sport of softball and the facility where it is played.

### I Will Not

- Make any verbal comments or physical gestures about or toward anyone that could be considered offensive, derogatory, or abusive.
- Engage in any action that might be considered to be verbally or physically abusive.

### Consequences

- Offenders to the code will be reported to their respective executive or association for disciplinary action.
- Repeat offenders will be banned from participating for the remainder of the season. Action to be taken or reviewed by appropriate governing bodies.

### Enforcement:

Local Softball Associations are responsible for enforcing the code of conduct. Softball Ontario reserves the right to support the well being of the game of softball and the rights of all participants to be treated with respect.