

TCGYS Code of Conduct

Texas City Girls Youth Softball is dedicated to the development of our youth through a judiciously supervised athletic competition. This program will endeavor to aid young women's development on their paths to becoming responsible adults. Among the goals the organization will attempt to achieve are self-esteem, team work, respect for authority, sportsmanship, honesty and fair play, respect for teammates and opponents, the determination to never give up, and leadership. An emphasis on fair play and respect for all participants is a primary element of our league's mission. To better achieve that mission, we provide the following Codes of Conduct for all TCGYS players, parents, coaches, volunteers and board members.

These Codes of Conduct are a pledge between TCGYS players, parents, coaches, volunteers and board members to abide by the rules and regulations of the game, as well as to maintain a cooperative attitude and uphold the ideals of fair play and sportsmanship. It is essential they be honored and followed.

Demonstrating a Positive Attitude

Players, parents, coaches, volunteers and board members are expected to show a positive, respectful attitude for everyone involved in the sport. Criticism and disrespect for officials, opponents, coaches or fans undermine the purpose of sports and encourage conflicting behavior to the spirit of the game and the goals of TCGYS and will not be tolerated.

Setting a Good Example

Each person associated with TCGYS is accountable for his/her own behavior at all times on or off the field. Players, parents, coaches, volunteers and board members should remember that children learn by example. TCGYS will not tolerate conduct that is detrimental to the sport, the participants, or the community. Such conduct includes: vulgarity by coaches, players or parents; harassment, belittling or taunting of officials, coaches or players; verbal abuse, threats or physical violence toward anyone before, during or after a game. Teams must exercise appropriate control over those who fail to control themselves.

Maintaining Good Relationships

Officials - The umpire's job is a difficult one. All umpires are human and do make mistakes. Parents or players who believe their team has been treated unfairly should speak to their coach after the game. Protests should abide by the USA Softball guidelines, and should follow as directed within the TCGYS Playing Rules and Regulations. Umpires do have the authority to suspend play if a coach does not control his/her players, parents and supporters.

Opponents - Players and coaches are required to maintain a sense of fair play and be respectful of opposing players, coaches and fans at all times. Sportsmanship begins with respect.

Our Team - A successful team resembles a family, in that our own needs are second to the greater good of the team. Care must be taken to not undermine the coach's authority. TCGYS can suspend an individuals' privilege to watch a game if behavior is rude or offensive (per Article 13 of the TCGYS Bylaws).

Player Code of Conduct

As a TCGYS player, I will:

1. Use every effort to be a positive member of my team and exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.
2. Learn the rules of softball, follow them, and play the game fairly.
3. Practice and play to the best of my ability.
4. Not criticize the performance of another teammate, a coach's decision, an umpire's call or an opponent.
5. Conduct myself in a respectable manner at practices and games.
6. Treat other players as I would like to be treated, never attempting to deliberately injure another player.

Player consequences will be determined by the team's Manager (coach) and/or the Board of Directors for violations of the player Code of Conduct.

Parent Code of Conduct

As a TCGYS parent, I will:

1. Encourage respect and good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice, or other softball event. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
2. Insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
3. Demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco free sport environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at the softball fields.
4. Make every effort for my child to attend all practices and games, giving proper notification to the coach if she is unable to attend.
5. Ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect.
6. See that all required fees are paid in full before my child participates.
7. I will do my best to make softball fun for my child.

Violations of the parent Code of Conduct may result in a Parent, Coach, Volunteer or Board Member being suspended and/or removed from a game/tournament by an umpire/ board official for misconduct and banned from the ballpark.

Player Signature _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____