



Policy Statement

Code of Conduct

The members of Olds Minor Softball agree that there is an expected level of conduct that is required to be met for all members. The following deal with Parents and Players. At time of application for membership, members will be required to acknowledge that they have read and agree to abide by following codes. Members failing to abide by the code set forth may be subjected to discipline as deemed appropriate by the executive's interpretation of the bylaws. Submission of an application for membership is deemed to be an acceptance of the Code of Conduct.

The following Codes of Conduct have been adopted from Softball Alberta.

In addition to the following codes, Olds Minor Softball employs the 24 hour rule. Members are expected to self impose a 24 hour "cooling off" period before addressing a concern of any type with another member. If the member fails to self impose this rule, the other member may call the rule in effect and postpone the exchange for 24 hours.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

If children are to grow and develop in their sport or physical activity, and environment of positive communication and respect must exist. Parents should observe the following Code of Conduct with their child athletes.

- I will remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will encourage my child to respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans & officials.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game/event.
- I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will remember that children learn best by example.
- I will applaud good players' performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
- I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public.
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- I will respect and show appreciation for the trained volunteer coaches who give their

time to provide sport activities for my child, understanding that I have a responsibility to be part of my child's development.

- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- I will educate & encourage my child to treat other players, coaches, officials, & spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, colour, sex or ability.
- I will demand an environment for my child that is free from drugs (including marijuana), tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sporting events.
- I will have respect for all the facilities and equipment used in the sport.

PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that we are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- I will respect the official's decisions and communicate with them in an appropriate manner and I will encourage my team mates to do the same.
- I will encourage my team mates to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will exhibit good sportsmanship.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my team mates, opponents, coaches or officials for making a mistake.
- I will applaud players' performances on both teams.
- I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public.
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- I will not consume alcohol, marijuana or other drugs, or smoke on, or near the vicinity of the players' benches.
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass opponents, coaches, officials or spectators.
- I will be knowledgeable of the rules and regulations.
- I will respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans & officials.
- I will be responsible for my own behaviour.
- I will have respect for all the facilities and equipment used in the sport.