

Terrace Minor Softball Association Policy Handbook

Core Values

The Terrace Minor Softball Association (TMSA) is committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and positive environment where players, coaches, and families can enjoy the game of softball. All members are expected to uphold the values of sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect, both on and off the field.

1. Sportsmanship and Positive Attitude

1.1 All players, coaches, and spectators are required to demonstrate good sportsmanship and maintain a positive attitude.

1.2 Unsportsmanlike conduct, including bullying, harassment, verbal abuse, or physical violence, will not be tolerated. Violations will result in immediate removal from the game and may lead to suspension or other disciplinary action as determined by the board.

1.3 If a coach is experiencing problems with a player, another coach, a parent, or an umpire, they must email the board and explain the issue. The board will speak with the coach and keep the coach informed of the steps leading to the outcome decided by the board. This ensures that the appropriate action is taken.

Disciplinary Actions for Player Violations

1st offense – Verbal warning

2nd offense – Written warning with possible game suspension depending on the severity of the violation

3rd offense – One-week game suspension or suspension for the remainder of the season, depending on the severity of the violation

2. Player Eligibility for Tournaments

2.1 Players participating in tournaments must reside within Terrace.

2.2 No out-of-district players are permitted unless prior approval is granted by the association's board.

2.3 Disregard for player pickup rules set by the association may result in forfeiture of the team's eligibility to compete in tournaments and/or games.

3. Player Age Groups

3.1 Players must play in their designated age category.

3.2 Players are not eligible to move up a division without board assessment.

3.3 A player may be moved up a division only if their skill level is significantly above their current division, to the point where the risk of injury to other players is highly probable.

3.4 Any decision to move a player up will be made solely by the executive board after an assessment.

4. Uniform and Equipment Requirements

4.1 Players must have their uniforms tucked in during all games.

- 4.2 Only fastpitch-approved bats are allowed. If unsure about the legality of a bat, consult a coach or board member for clarification.
- 4.3 Pitchers are required to wear a face mask while on the mound for safety.
- 4.4 Catchers warming up pitchers must wear a catcher's mask at all times.

5. Attendance Policy

- 5.1 Players must notify their coach as soon as possible if they are unable to attend a practice or game. Consistent communication is essential to the success of the team.

6. Field and Property Conduct

- 6.1 Vandalism, destruction, or misuse of the association's fields, gear, or property is strictly prohibited.
- 6.2 Individuals found responsible for such actions will face disciplinary measures, which may include suspension or expulsion from the association.
- 6.3 For divisions U11 and up, no parents are allowed on the field or in the dugouts.
- 6.4 All players must remain in the dugout at all times during games. Sitting in the stands or playing outside of the dugout during games is not permitted.

7. Drugs and Alcohol Policy

- 7.1 TMSA has a zero-tolerance policy for drugs and alcohol. This applies to all players, coaches, and spectators.
- 7.2 Any individual found using drugs, consuming alcohol, or being intoxicated while spectating, playing, coaching, or participating in any TMSA event will face immediate removal from TMSA property.
- 7.3 Further disciplinary action, including suspension or expulsion, may be enforced at the board's discretion.

8. Enforcement of Rules

- 8.1 All players, coaches, and spectators are expected to follow these policies.
- 8.2 Failure to adhere to these policies may result in warnings, suspensions, or removal from the association, depending on the severity of the infraction.

Agreement

By registering with the Terrace Minor Softball Association, all participants, parents, and guardians agree to abide by these policies to ensure a respectful and safe environment for everyone involved.

Signed,
Terrace Minor Softball Association Board