



# View Royal Fastball Parent Code of Conduct

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character." I therefore agree:

- I will encourage my child to abide by these core principles, because our child (children) learn from our example, we as parents need to exemplify the highest level of these principles.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youths, not adults.
- I will respect the umpires and their decisions at all times and will never question or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time at least 24 hours following any disagreements.
- I will encourage my child to respect the game and everyone involved.
- There will be zero tolerance of abusive behavior or language from any parent or guest toward any **player**, umpire, coach or other parent. If such an occurrence takes place disciplinary action will be taken immediately.
- I will respect my child's coach and support his/her efforts; I will not coach from the sidelines, I will ensure my child attends all scheduled practices, games and events. In the case they cannot attend I will notify my coach well in advance.
- I will teach my child that doing their best is more important than winning, so they won't feel defeated by their mistake's or the outcome of a game, I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child regardless of play time and I will do my best to help develop them outside of practice if they desire the extra time.
- I will not encourage or engage in any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes or anyone else involved with sport.
- I will inform the coach of any medical condition, physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or VRF Executive / Softball BC
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by the organization
- Game forfeit through the official or coach
- Parental season suspension or removal of child from the team

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