



PV Softball All Stars

Coach Code of Conduct



Mission Statement

Our mission is to have highly competitive teams comprised of participants from the Prairie Village recreational leagues. These teams will have a strong emphasis on sportsmanship, commitment, respect, teamwork, knowledge of the game and community involvement. This cannot be accomplished without the dedication of our players, coaches, parents and volunteers.

Core Principles

PV Softball All Stars participation must be healthy, positive and safe for everyone involved. Team activities must be conducted in an environment that values good sportsmanship while representing Prairie Village as a first-class organization.

The coach is the key to making the PV Softball All Stars experience positive, educational and fun. They foster a positive athletic experience for all participants including players, parents, umpires, officials, the opposing team and all fans. This Code of Conduct defines the expectations for coaches.

Core Practices

- The coach provides inspiration and positive communication and assists players to make good decisions.
- The coach is a role model at all times, recognizing his/her profound influence on players. They must exhibit respect for the umpires, officials and other coaches.
- A coach is sensitive to the fact that different approaches will be needed for different individuals according to their needs, backgrounds and skill levels.
- Coaches are educators, first and foremost. They must strive to learn new and different approaches and engage the players in the learning process. The learning goes beyond techniques and strategies to include teaching sportsmanship and effective communication with parents.
- Coaches recognize the need for balance in the lives of players, a balance that respects the needs of the family, church and school.
- Coaches teach the value of competition and how to handle success with grace and defeat with dignity.
- Coaches should demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free sports environment for their teams.

Out of Bounds

- Coaches who fail to acknowledge participation in Prairie Village's recreational league(s) as a priority.
- Coaches who highlight the elite athlete and fail to provide a broad range of opportunities for all team participants.
- Coaches who fail to understand that first and foremost they are teachers, including by example.
- Coaches who communicate through the intimidation or berating of players.
- Coaches with a "win at all costs" philosophy.
- Coaches who use profanity or discriminating speech at any time.
- Coaches who are unfair in their promotion of players.
- Coaches who promote specialization by their athletes at an inappropriate age or level.
- Coaches who lack self-control and display poor sportsmanship.
- Coaches who argue with umpires, officials, other coaches or parents.
- Coaches who single out a few players, resulting in limited playing time.
- Coaches who fail to respect individual differences and diversity.

Use of Prairie Village and PV All Stars

The Prairie Village and PV All Stars names and logos are property of Prairie Village. Any use of these items on equipment, clothing, marketing materials or other merchandise must be approved by the current board of Prairie Village.

Money Matters and Fundraising

All player accounts of the coach's children must be kept in good standing. If a player's account becomes delinquent, the coach (and player) may be held from participation until the account is made current. In addition, coaches are expected to actively participate in activities to support PV Softball All Stars.

Code of Conduct Resolution

The officers that make up the Advisory/Review Board at PV will review all Code of Conduct violations and decide what/if disciplinary measures need to be taken.

The following guidelines will be followed in terms of any disciplinary measures:

- 1st Offense: Verbal and Written Warning
- 2nd Offense: Suspension of the next full game/tournament
- 3rd Offense: Dismissal from team for the remainder of the season

NOTE: Depending on the severity of the violation, dismissal could result after any offense.

Agreement and Contract

I agree to the terms and conditions of the PV Softball All Stars Code of Conduct. I have read the Code of Conduct expectations for Coaches, as well as those for Players and Parents/Spectators and will abide by the rules while participating in any activity related to PV Softball All Stars.

It is mandatory that all Coaches sign this Code of Conduct prior to participation on a PV Softball All Stars team. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact the Prairie Village Board of Officers.

Coaches refusing to sign may be withheld from competition. Any violation of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including permanent removal, from PV Softball All Stars.

Team Division / Name: _____

Coach: _____
Print Name

Signature

Date

Prairie Village League Representative

Date