



PV Softball All Stars

Parent 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.

Parents and spectators of PV Softball All Stars are actively involved in creating and supporting an environment fostering positive athletic experiences for all participants including players, coaches, umpires, officials, the opposing team and all fans. The Code of Conduct defines the expectations for parents and spectators.

Core Practices

- Parents give encouragement and support to their children regardless of the degree of success, the level of skill or time on the field.
- Parents stress the importance of respect for all participants including coaches, umpires, officials, players and the opposing team. They highlight the critical nature of contributing to the team and its success.
- Parents serve as role models, see the bigger picture and support all players.
- Parents understand the importance of having their children attend all practices, games and other team functions. They agree to arrive on time or communicate their absence or tardiness with the coaches as soon as possible.
- Parents leave coaching to coaches and do not criticize coaching strategies or team performance. They discuss any concerns in an appropriate, constructive manner privately – after a 24-hour cool-down period. They also encourage their child to communicate directly with their coaches.
- Parents avoid putting pressure on their children about playing time and performance.
- Spectators show good sportsmanship by acknowledging fine performances, demonstrating respect for all coaches, umpires, officials and players, and by refraining from antagonistic behavior intended to interfere with an athlete's performance.
- Parents learn the value of competition and how to handle success with grace and failure with dignity.
- Parents should demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free sports environment for their teams.

Out of Bounds

- Parents who have an attitude stressing the playing time or position played by their child over the success of the team.
- Parents who fail to acknowledge participation in Prairie Village's recreational league(s) as a priority.
- Parents who are over-involved, including sideline coaching, interventions and conversations with their child, during games without first discussing such conversations with the coaches.
- Parents who display disrespect towards umpires, officials and the opposing team and their fans through their words and actions.
- Parents who have unrealistic expectations and pressure emphasizing physical performance over personal health and safety.
- Parents who fail to report the injuries and illnesses of their child to the coaches.
- Parents who use profanity or discriminating speech at any time.
- Parents who communicate through the intimidation or berating of others, especially children.
- Parents 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 must be kept in good standing. If a player's account becomes delinquent, the player may be held from participation until the account is made current. In addition, parents and /or their children are expected to actively participate in activities and fundraising to support PV Softball All Stars. If a player leaves the PV Softball All Stars program; voluntarily or through disciplinary action, any fees or monies credited to their account will be forfeited.

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 activities and games 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 Parents, as well as those for Players, and will abide by the rules while participating in any activity related to PV Softball All Stars.

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

Parents refusing to sign may have their children 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: _____

Parent: _____
Print Name

Signature

Date

Player: _____
Print Name

Prairie Village League Representative

Date