



DEEP RUN VALLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION

Lady Lightning Softball

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## **Code of Conduct**

### **Players**

Treat all players and coaches with respect.

Be positive and constructive at all times to others.

Do not use abusive language or actions and control your anger at all times.

Compliment any good play or sportsmanship, even to opposing players.

Treat all umpires with respect, recognizing that softball rules involve judgment.

Do not openly criticize the umpires during the course of the game.

Always cheer positively, providing encouragement for members of both teams.

Never use negative cheers for the opposing team for any reason.

During the game always remain in the dugout or on the field unless you notify the coaches where you are going.

Show your commitment to the team with regular and enthusiastic attendance at practices and games.

Notify the coaches of any absence as soon as possible.

Pay attention to the game. Always know how many outs there are, who you follow in the batting order, where to make the play if you get the ball and be prepared to act on it.

Clean up after the games and always be willing to help out wherever needed and when asked.

Do not wear any jewelry while playing or practicing, and minimize the use of makeup at games and practices.

If you don't understand something, ask questions! Remember the only dumb question is the question not asked.

Always show good sportsmanship on and off the field. Remember that your actions and appearance reflect on Deep Run.

Always wear your complete uniform properly and proudly.

Shake hands at the completion of each game with opposing team players, coaches, and game officials.

Perform to the very best of YOUR ABILITY! That is all that can be asked of you.

## Coaches

Provide a safe playing situation for all players.

Treat each player as an individual, keeping in mind the emotional and physical development of each participant, and place their well being ahead of a personal desire to win.

Accept decisions of game officials as fair and called to the best of their abilities.

Do not criticize players in front of spectators and/or teammates, but reserve the right for constructive criticism later, in private, or in the presence of the other team members if others might benefit.

Do not criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, fans, or parents.

Emphasize that while winning is not always the most important thing, it is always a result of good teamwork.

Be jointly responsible for the conduct of team fans, players, and parents.

Never use abusive or profane language.

Never deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct from players and/or team parents.

Remove from a game or practice any participant whenever there is any doubt about her health (whether or not due to injury) until competent medical advice is available.

Organize practices that are fun and challenging for all players.

Be knowledgeable of the rules of softball and teach these rules to the players.

Do not physically touch any player with force or to endanger their well being.

Remember that you are a youth sports coach and that the game is for the team members, not the adults.

Shake hands at the completion of each game with opposing team players, coaches, and game officials.

No matter the situation, always do the right thing!

## **Parents/Fans**

Treat all participants with respect, being positive and constructive at all times to players and coaches.

Do not use abusive language or actions and control your anger at all times.

Treat all umpires with respect, recognizing that softball rules involve judgment.

Do not openly criticize the umpires during the course of the game.

I will not instruct from the sidelines. Only the coaches will be allowed in the dugout and/or on the bench. During the game please remain in the stands, away from the dugouts, and off the field unless requested by the coach to give assistance.

Treat all coaches with respect, recognizing that they are volunteers donating their time and energy for these players.

If you have concerns about players, coaches, umpires, fields or any other aspect of the league, please direct them first to the Head Coach, and then to the Deep Run Softball Intramural Softball Commissioner- Marae Goldberg, or the Travel Softball Commissioner- Scott Hegen.

Always cheer positively, providing encouragement for members of both teams.

Support your child's commitment to her team by assuring her regular attendance at practices and games. Notify the coaches of any absence as soon as possible.

Support your child, the coaches, and Deep Run by making sure the facilities are cleaned up after all practices and games.

Follow all rules of the complex where the game is being held. Most, including Deep Run, do not allow smoking, pets, or alcohol. If in doubt, check with the coaches.

Remember that the game is for the team members and not the adults.

**HAVE FUN! AND LET'S PLAY BALL!!**