



# Parent Code of Conduct Commitment Form

Please read the player code of conduct carefully and sign the team volunteer sheet to acknowledge that you have read, understand, and agree to statements below.

It is the objective of Menifee Valley Girls Softball Association to implant in the girls of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, loyalty, courage and reverence. Our primary goal is to build character in our children. Because of the excitement and high emotion of some of our games, we thought it would be important to express some guidelines regarding what we expect from you, our parents and your children. Please know that we encourage cheering, excitement and exuberance, but please be careful to express this in a positive manner.

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
- Good Citizenship

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character".

*I therefore agree:*

1. It is the responsibility of every parent to make sure that the girls attend practices and games. I will not force my child to participate in sports and remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
3. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

4. 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.
5. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
6. 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.
7. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
8. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups
9. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or her performance.
10. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
11. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
12. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place
13. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league. MGS Charter By-Laws, along with MGS Rules and Regulations will be enforced.
14. I will do my part to keep our facilities clean.
15. I will not post disparaging or defamatory comments against MGS on social media.

Failure to comply with these rules may result in a player, parent or guest being asked to leave the premises and could result in the forfeiture of the game. Serious or repeated offenses could result in suspension from the league.

## **FUND RAISING**

Registration covers only a portion of the cost of league operation. Parent/child will need to participate in fundraising events during the season. Your support will allow us to improve the quality of our league while at the same time holding down the cost of registration.