

# PARENT, COACHES, AND PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

The Hickory-Fountain Green Girls Softball program strives to provide a positive experience for our players. Our number one goal is for the girls to have FUN while playing softball, to learn good sportsmanship and to be good teammates.

Upon reading this information, you (parents/coach/player/spectator) pledge to be responsible with your words and actions while participating in any youth sporting event sponsored by or involving the Hickory-Fountain Green Girls Softball program, including events involving other recreation council's softball programs. You agree to abide by the rules within this Code of Conduct policy set forth by our program and the Hickory-Fountain Green Recreation Council Board of Directors, as well as rules governing the use of School and County facilities.

## AT ALL TIMES, WE:

- Agree to exhibit positive behavior towards all in attendance including teammates, parents/spectators, umpires/officials, as well as opposing players/coaches/parents/spectators.
- Agree not to engage in any physical altercations or to argue with the umpires about any calls including balls and strikes.
- Are expected to encourage all players and demonstrate good sportsmanship by using only positive comments.
- Will refrain from taunting and the use of offensive or derogatory language, comments, gestures, or negative cheers.
- Will provide a safe environment by taking precautions and being aware of the activity of players during the game both on and off the field, including safety around the bench area and on-deck batters circle (one batter at a time and no swinging bats behind the bench).
- Will put the well-being of the youth *ahead* of the personal desire to win "at all costs".
- Will respect the team's coaches and abide by his/her decisions for the team and will not coach from the sidelines nor subvert his/her authority in any way.
- Will wait 24-hours as a "cool-down" period before communicating with the coach to discuss any issues.
- Will direct all unresolved issues or complaints to the program chairperson.

## FAILURE TO ABIDE BY THESE RULES WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION BEING TAKEN, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING:

- A verbal or written conversation with the coach and/or the program commissioner regarding the issue at hand and the concluding course of action to correct the problem;
- The offender may be asked to leave the field immediately at the discretion of the umpire or program official present;
- A verbal or written warning from the HFG Rec Board of Directors;
- Suspension from subsequent HFG Softball events or other HFG programs.