

**Edina Girls Fastpitch Association (EGFA)
Parent 2013 Pledge Form**

EGFA is very serious about player, coach, and parent behavior at practices, games, and tournaments. EGFA asks all players, coaches, and parents to uphold the ideals of amateur competition, including fair play, a strong sense of teamwork and respect for all athletes, coaches, and umpires. EGFA expects parents and family members to share EGFA's desire to make the program a valuable experience for all players and to strive to be a positive role model for players and other spectators.

Therefore, all parents and guardians of Edina Girls Fastpitch Association ("EGFA") participants must sign and return this pledge to their team coach or manager. We ask that extended family members and friends respect this pledge as well. Our league rules stipulate that our **coaches** can be ejected from games if **parent, fan, or player** behavior is out of line.

Parent Pledge

(please read, check the box next to each statement, and sign below)

I will be a positive role model for my daughter and encourage sportsmanship. Parents set a positive example by showing respect and courtesy to players, coaches, umpires and spectators at and away from the fields and practice venues. Verbal or physical abuse (including yelling, booing, taunting, cursing, threats, or physical assaults) of players, coaches, umpires, or spectators will not be tolerated.

I will encourage an environment where each girl will be positively coached through both successes and mistakes. Each girl brings a different level of ability to the game. Each girl is also trying her best to perform well. Winners are people who make maximum effort, continue to learn and improve, and do not let mistakes, or fear of making mistakes, stop them. I agree that we should not create a climate where our daughters are afraid to make a mistake or cannot recover from a mistake due to shame or criticism.

I will refrain from any unauthorized coaching of my daughter or other players during games.

I will keep sports in the proper perspective. I understand that the top three reasons youth play sports are a) to have fun, b) to make new friends, and c) to learn new skills. I understand that the game is for the players, and I will keep sports in the proper perspective.

I understand that violating this pledge may mean being asked to leave the game or, in the event of repeated violations, being banned from further attendance at practices or games for the remainder of the season. I also understand that my behavior, if deemed inappropriate by an official, may cause our team's coach to be removed from the game.

I have reviewed the policies and guidelines in this Pledge and intend to be an effective role model for my daughter and everyone involved in the EGFA program.

Date: _____

Athlete's name: _____

Parent/guardian name(s): _____

Parent/guardian signature(s): _____
