

**Edina Girls Fastpitch Association
Player 2013 Pledge Form**

The goals of Edina Girls Fastpitch Association (EGFA) are to provide a positive learning experience for girls, coordinate the opportunity for girls to learn and play fastpitch softball, instill the ideals of good sportsmanship, promote physical and mental development and encourage good character and citizenship. In addition, EGFA is committed to providing a positive, healthy, team-focused experience in which girls can:

- Develop increased knowledge of the game
- Improve individual skills consistent with their ability
- Develop a sense of teamwork, loyalty, and responsibility and an attitude toward the sport that is both generous in victory and gracious in defeat.

It requires a considerable commitment from everyone involved in the program to meet these goals. As part of this commitment, players are asked to read and sign this pledge. Our league rules stipulate that our coaches can be ejected from games if parent, fan, or player behavior is out of line.

Player Pledge

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

I will be a positive role model for my teammates and opponents and encourage sportsmanship. I will show 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 my teammates through both successes and mistakes. I know that each girl brings a different level of ability to the game and 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 won't make my teammates afraid of making mistakes or unable to recover from mistakes due to shame or criticism.

I will keep sports in the proper perspective. I understand that the top three reasons we play sports are a) to have fun, b) to make new friends, and c) to learn new skills. I won't put winning ahead of the respectful treatment of my teammates, my opponents, my coaches, or the game officials.

I understand that violating this pledge may mean being asked to leave the game or, in the event of repeated violations, possible further disciplinary action.

Date: _____

Athlete's name: _____

Athlete's signature: _____