

Parent participation is critical in the success of our organization. While you may not be able to help as much as you would like, there are positive things you can do to help. You are an important part of the team.

### **1. Cheer for your team!**

The girls are out there learning, growing and playing hard... and a lot is done to impress the people they care about - You! Wins and losses are rarely remembered a week, or a day later, but excitement they feel on the field last a lifetime.

### **2. Keep the game in perspective.**

As much as we all wish our daughter might be the next Jennie Finch, the reality is that 99.99% will not. Even progressing on to playing high school varsity or college softball is unlikely for most players. We win and lose with dignity, maintaining respect for all players, coaches, umpires and fans. All are members of our community, and like the rest of us, make mistakes from time to time. *The expectation of participants in our program is to understand and support the Code of Conduct, no exceptions!*

### **3. Respect the coaches.**

All our coaches are volunteers. They volunteer many hours per week to make sure your daughter enjoys her summer and her experience on the field. Ask your coach "How can I help?"

### **4. Respect your opponent.**

We've all had games against a "bad" team, a "mean" team. Consider your words carefully. When cheering for your team, are you putting down player on the other team?

### **5. Never argue with the umpire.**

Most of our umpires have been umpiring and playing the game for a long time. Please remember that these umpires are here for the girls' benefit. Parents do not need to have interactions with the umpires. Umpires should be treated with respect on and off the field. Please remember to thank the umpires on game nights.

### **Ways to help your coach!**

Make sure the girls are packing up team equipment and carrying it to the coach's vehicles.

Make sure all girls are in full uniform during all games, on and off the field.

Make sure your daughter is on time to practice, and picked up promptly following.

Inform your coach if your daughter is unable to make practice or a game as soon as possible.