



# PV Elite Fastpitch Softball

## Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

### Mission Statement

*Our mission is to have highly competitive teams comprised of participants from the Prairie Village recreational leagues. These teams will have a strong emphasis on sportsmanship, commitment, respect, teamwork, knowledge of the game and community involvement. This cannot be accomplished without the dedication of our players, coaches, parents and volunteers.*

### Core Principles

***PV Elite Fastpitch participation must be healthy, positive and safe for everyone involved. Team activities must be conducted in an environment that values good sportsmanship while representing Prairie Village as a first-class organization.***

***Parents and spectators of PV Elite Fastpitch are actively involved in creating and supporting an environment fostering positive athletic experiences for all participants including players, coaches, umpires, officials, the opposing team and all fans. This Code of Conduct defines the expectations for parents and spectators.***

### Core Practices

- Parents give encouragement and support to their children regardless of the degree of success, the level of skill or time on the field.
- Parents stress the importance of respect for all participants including coaches, umpires, officials, players and the opposing team. They highlight the critical nature of contributing to the team and its success.
- Parents serve as role models, see the bigger picture and support all players.
- Parents understand the importance of having their children attend all practices, games and other team functions. They agree to arrive on time or communicate their absence or tardiness with the coaches as soon as possible.
- Parents leave coaching to coaches and do not criticize coaching strategies or team performance. They discuss any concerns in an appropriate, constructive manner privately – after a 24-hour cool-down period. They also encourage their child to communicate directly with their coaches.
- Parents avoid putting pressure on their children about playing time and performance.
- Spectators show good sportsmanship by acknowledging fine performances, demonstrating respect for all coaches, umpires, officials and players, and by refraining from antagonistic behavior intended to interfere with an athlete's performance.
- Parents learn the value of competition and how to handle success with grace and failure with dignity.
- Parents should demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free sports environment for their teams.

### Money Matters and Fundraising

All player accounts must be kept in good standing. If a player's account becomes delinquent the player may be held from participation until the account is made current. In addition, parents and/or their children are expected to actively participate in activities to support PV Elite Fastpitch Softball. If a player leaves the PV Elite Fastpitch program, voluntarily or through disciplinary action, any fees or monies credited to their account will be forfeited.

## Use of Prairie Village and PV Elite

The Prairie Village and PV Elite names and logos are property of Prairie Village Softball. Any use of these items on equipment, clothing, marketing materials or other merchandise must be approved by the current board of Prairie Village Softball.

## Out of Bounds

- Parents who have an attitude stressing the playing time or position played by their child over the success of the team
- Parents who fail to acknowledge participation in Prairie Village's recreational league(s) as a priority
- Parents who are over-involved, including sideline coaching, interventions and conversations with their child, during games without first discussing such conversations with the coaches
- Parents who display disrespect towards umpires, officials and the opposing team and their fans through their words and actions
- Parents who have unrealistic expectations and pressure emphasizing physical performance over personal health and safety
- Parents who fail to report the injuries and illnesses of their child to the coaches
- Parents who use profanity or discriminating speech at any time
- Parents who communicate through the intimidation or berating of others, especially children
- Parents who fail to respect individual differences and diversity

## Code of Conduct Resolution

The officers of the current board of Prairie Village (Review Board) will review all Code of Conduct violations and decide if disciplinary measures need to be taken. These findings will then be presented to the other board members at the following meeting.

The following guidelines will be followed in terms of any disciplinary measures:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Verbal Warning
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Written Warning
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Dismissal from the program

NOTE: Depending on the severity of the violation, dismissal could result after any offense.

**Agreement and Contract**

I agree to the terms and conditions of the PV Elite Fastpitch Code of Conduct. I have read the Code of Conduct expectations for Parents, as well as those for Players, and will abide by the rules while participating in any activity related to PV Elite Fastpitch Softball.

***It is mandatory that all Parents sign this Code of Conduct prior to their child's participation on a PV Elite Fastpitch team. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact any Prairie Village Softball Board Member.***

**Parents refusing to sign may have their children withheld from competition. Any violation of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including permanent removal, from the PV Elite Fastpitch program.**

**Parent:**

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Print Name

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Signature

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Date

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Prairie Village League President

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Date