



## Parent Code of Conduct

Upon registering your child, you agree to abide by the San Diego Youth Softball League (SDYS) League rules, regulations, and parents' code of conduct. The Board of the SDYS has adopted the National Youth Sports Foundation's Code of Conduct for parents and spectators to abide by at every game. Parents, fans, and coaches who follow this code can help reinforce what sports are all about...BEING FUN FOR EVERYONE.

I therefore agree:

1. I will refrain from coaching my child and other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) refrain from unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing, taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will teach my child to treat other players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best and improvement are more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or any other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of my personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games, and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.

16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will observe a twenty-four hour waiting period before voicing complaints to coaches or board members.

This list is not intended to be an exhaustive list and conduct that will be considered to be subject to discipline. Parents and their guests should be guided by common sense in all their behavior.

I agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of the SDYS Board, and that any step may be taken serially or independently that the Board deems commensurate with the behavior. The following steps may include, but is not limited to the following: Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league organization; Parent restricted to observe games and/or practices from the outfield perimeter; Written warning; Game forfeit through the official or coach; and/or Parental suspension for a length determined by the board with written documentation of incident kept on file by the San Dieguito Youth Softball organization.