



Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

As a Parent or Guardian participating in the Escondido Girls Softball League (EGSL), I acknowledge that I play an important role in creating a positive, safe, and respectful environment for every player. I agree to uphold the values, rules, and philosophies of EGSL and USA Softball and understand that my conduct reflects on both my child and the League.

Sportsmanship

I agree to:

- Remember that the primary purpose of youth softball is player development, sportsmanship, teamwork, and enjoyment—not simply winning games.
- Encourage all players through positive reinforcement and constructive support.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times, regardless of the outcome of a game.
- Serve as a positive role model for my child and all participants.

Respect for Coaches and Officials

I agree to:

- Allow coaches to coach and refrain from interfering with practices, games, or coaching decisions.
- Respect the decisions of umpires and game officials. I understand that judgment calls are part of the game and will not engage in arguing, insulting comments, threatening behavior, inappropriate gestures, or profanity directed toward officials.
- Address concerns regarding my child's experience in a respectful and appropriate manner.

Communication

If I have a concern regarding my child's coach or team:

1. I will first discuss the matter directly with the Head Coach at an appropriate time, never during a game or practice.
2. If the issue cannot be resolved, I may contact the Division Director or Player Agent.



3. If additional review is necessary, the matter may be referred to the Executive Board in accordance with League policies.

24-Hour Rule

To promote respectful and productive communication, I agree that I will not approach or contact coaches, team volunteers, umpires, or League officials to discuss concerns regarding playing time, coaching decisions, player positions, game strategy, or other emotionally charged matters immediately before, during, or within twenty-four (24) hours after a game or practice.

After the 24-hour period has elapsed, I may request a mutually convenient time to speak privately with the Head Coach. If the matter cannot be resolved after speaking with the Head Coach, I may follow the League's communication process by contacting the Division Director.

Parent-Coach Discussions

I understand that discussions regarding playing time, batting order, player positions, game strategy, or disciplinary matters should never occur in the presence of players, spectators, or other parents. These conversations should take place privately, respectfully, and only after the 24-hour period has passed.

I also understand that coaches are responsible for the development of the entire team and that coaching decisions—including playing positions, lineups, batting order, substitutions, and game strategy—are made in the best interest of the team and player development. While I may respectfully seek clarification regarding my child's development, I understand that coaching decisions are ultimately the responsibility of the coaching staff.

Failure to follow these communication expectations or the 24-Hour Rule may result in disciplinary action if the interaction becomes disruptive, abusive, or otherwise violates the EGSL Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct.

Spectator Conduct

I understand that:

- I am responsible for my own conduct as well as the conduct of my family members and guests attending EGSL events with me.



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- If my behavior, or the behavior of my family members or guests, becomes inappropriate, the umpire may address the Head Coach, who will be responsible for requesting that the behavior cease.
- If inappropriate behavior continues, I may be removed from the game or facility, and the Head Coach may be subject to penalties, including ejection, as provided under USA Softball rules.

Respect for Others

I agree to:

- Treat all players, coaches, volunteers, officials, parents, and spectators with courtesy, dignity, and respect.
- Refrain from bullying, harassment, intimidation, discrimination, violence, abusive behavior, or the use of profane or inappropriate language.
- Never engage in physical, verbal, emotional, or mental abuse toward any individual.

Alcohol, Drugs, Tobacco, and Nicotine

I understand that I may not:

- Consume or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while attending or participating in any EGSL activity or while anywhere within or around the softball complex.
- Use tobacco products, vaping devices, or e-cigarettes anywhere within Kit Carson Park, in accordance with park regulations.

Discipline

I understand that violations of this Code of Conduct or any EGSL or USA Softball policy may result in disciplinary action.

Disciplinary action may include, but is not limited to:

1. Verbal warning
2. Written warning
3. Suspension for a period determined by the Executive Board



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4. Removal from the team or League
5. Any other disciplinary action deemed appropriate by the Executive Board based on the nature and severity of the violation

I understand that disciplinary actions may carry over from one season to the next when deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.

Any parent, guardian, family member, or guest who physically assaults or intentionally causes physical harm to any player, coach, official, volunteer, parent, or spectator may be subject to immediate suspension or permanent removal from the League without prior verbal or written warning, at the discretion of the Executive Board.

Acknowledgement

By participating in EGSL, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by this Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct. I understand that failure to comply may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from League activities.