



Ephrata Softball Association Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct



Ephrata Softball Association is a community based recreational organization serving the Ephrata School District Community. ESA is operated by a volunteer board and relies on volunteer coaches from the community.

ESA as an established youth softball organization sets forth the guidelines for parent/guardian behavior during ESA activities:

- Parent/Guardian will promote, encourage, and exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.
- Parents/Guardians will make every effort to get their child to practice and games at the prescribed times, including picking up your child promptly after practices and games.
- Parents/Guardians will notify the coach of any absences or potential late arrivals to practices and games.
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to cheer on the players. However, all cheering must be positive in nature and in content.
- Parents/Guardians must allow coaches to "Do the Coaching". Parents/Guardians will refrain from giving their child advice during practices or games.
- Tobacco, illegal drugs and or alcohol are not permitted during any team activity.
- Parents/Guardians will not harass or otherwise interfere with the umpire's ability to officiate or to maintain control of the game. Parents/Guardians are entitled to their opinions on judgement calls but must keep in mind that all umpire calls are final.
- Parents/Guardians are not allowed to harass or otherwise verbally abuse any player, coach, umpire, or other spectator. Particular attention must be paid to respecting all of the umpires assigned to our games.
- Parents/Guardians may not physically or verbally confront any player, coach, umpire or any other parents/spectators in attendance.
- Parents/Guardians will be positive role models and will lead by example in actions and words, this includes following a games conclusion. Any person who violates this policy will be banned from all ESA functions.
- Parents/Guardians or any other person who is ejected from a game for any reason will be personally and financially responsible for paying any fines, penalties or other costs imposed by ESA or any other organization.
- Parents/Guardians are not to harass, physically confront or otherwise verbally abuse any of the volunteer board members for any reason

Acceptance of Agreement

By registering my child with the Ephrata Softball Association, I certify that I agree to abide by and adhere to ESA Rules, Policies and Procedures for my child's participation. Failure to adhere to these rules may result in the player's removal from the program. Reimbursement for registration fees will not be provided if a player is removed during the season. Removal from the program in a season may result in being unable to play for the program for a period of up to one year.

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