



NWS Elite Fastpitch Softball - Code of Conduct

In order to advance the principals of sportsmanship and fair play and to promote mutual respect among players, coaches, umpires, parents / siblings and spectators, The NWS Elite, Inc. Organization (hereafter referred to as "organization") has established this "Code of Conduct" (hereafter referred to as "the Code").

The Code shall govern and provide guidelines for the possible behavioral / conduct / actions of players, parents, guardians / siblings, and or spectators (hereafter referred to as "parents" and "players"). The Code is intended to provide clear behavioral guidance / expectations for parents and players while you are associated with the organization or attending organization activities.

The Code cannot address every possible behavioral / conduct circumstance. However, it shall serve as a framework for expected conduct / behavior, and as the organization's general guideline / standard for evaluation of conduct / behavior / actions, if discipline / corrective action by the coaches / organization are required.

It shall be the obligation of ALL players, parents, program participants, spectators, to comply with the intent of the terms and provisions of the Code. Any person violating the Code shall be subject to administrative action, at the discretion of the coaches / organization, which may include a verbal warning, written warning, probation, suspension, or up to and including termination of his / her privilege to participate in, or attend, any or all organization activities, and will not result in any refunds or compensation from the organization.

Code of Conduct - Parents

Parents agree as follows:

- Parents shall provide positive support to players, coaches, umpires and league officials.
- Parents shall not "coach" or "officiate".
- Parents will be positive role models.
- Parents will display and instill in all players, the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Parents will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of all the players, team / organization, not the individual interest of their child.
- Parents will do their best to provide the players a positive experience.
- Parents will make certain that their children show respect for all other players, coaches, officials and spectators.
- Parents will not ridicule or demean players, coaches or umpires either directly or indirectly.
- Parents will not express negative opinions about players, coaches or umpires to other parents or players.
- Parents will treat all players, coaches and umpires fairly and with respect.

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- Parents will comply with the decisions of coaches, assistants, volunteers, tournament directors, umpires, and observe all rules, policies and procedures as established at events, facilities, or by the organization.
- Parents will not question an umpire's call.
- Parents will respect opponents and avoid any confrontation with opposing players, spectators, umpires tournament personnel, organization personnel, coaches, etc.
- Parents will understand that the coaches are attempting to execute team play in the best interest of the organization and all the players, and will not challenge the coaches openly at organization events.
- Parents agree that playing time decisions are made solely by the coaching staff / organization, and being a member of the team or organization does not guarantee a certain amount of playing time.
- Open and appropriate communication with the coaches and the organization is encouraged.
 - As such, parents may request private discussions with the coaches, to appropriately discuss any concerns, ask questions, provide information, etc.
 - Parent will allow 24 hours' time to contemplate issues, and the key discussion points, before approaching the coaches / organization.
- Parents will inform the coach of any disability or ailment that may affect the participation / safety of their child.
- Parents agree the use of all social media will be to provide positive support to the players, teams / organization.
- Parents will be drug and alcohol free while at any Organization event.

Code of Conduct - Players

The Players shall...

- Display good sportsmanship and team play at all times.
- Follow the direction of the Coaching Staff.
- Open and appropriate communication with the coaches and the organization is encouraged.
 - As such, players may request private discussions with the coaches, to appropriately discuss concerns, ask questions, provide information, etc.
- Respect all, coaches, players, NWS Elite, Inc. officials, tournament directors, umpires, fans and spectators.
- Make every attempt to be on time and ready to play for all games and practices.
- Alert the coach to any injury / disability that could affect the players performance or safety during games, events, practices.

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- Agree the use of all social media will be to provide positive support to the players, teams / organization.
- Be drug and alcohol free while at any organization event.

Players shall not...

- Use abusive or profane language.
- Taunt or humiliate any other players, coaches, umpires, tournament personnel, etc.
- Question an umpire's call.
- Openly challenge a coach's directions or decision.
- Show disrespect / annoyance, etc., when being removed from a game or event.
- Abuse, mistreat or mishandle any organization equipment or property (i.e., throwing batting helmets).
- Take direction from a parent during organization functions, practices or events.



Again, the Code is not conceived to address every possible behavioral circumstance. The organization and coaches and officials reserve the right to utilize this document as a framework / guideline for expected behavior, and as the organization's standard for behavioral evaluation, and to implement action, based on its intent.

We the undersigned have read the attached NWS Elite, Inc., code of conduct, and agree to abide by its provisions:

Player's Name – Print _____ Sign _____ Date _____

Parent Name – Print _____ Sign _____ Date _____

Parent Name – Print _____ Sign _____ Date _____

Guardian Name – Print _____ Sign _____ Date _____

Guardian Name – Print _____ Sign _____ Date _____

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