

# **CALGARY MINOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**

## **FAIR PLAY CODES**

### **.....for COACHES**

1. I will be reasonable when re-scheduling games and practices, remembering that players have other interests and obligations.
2. I will teach my players to play fairly and to respect the rules, officials, and opponents
3. I will ensure that all players get instruction, support and playing time in an equitable manner
4. I will not ridicule or yell at my players for making mistakes or for performing badly. I will remember that players play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves
5. I will make sure that equipment and playing fields are safe and match players ages and abilities
6. I will remember that participants need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and set a good example
7. I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills
8. I will work in cooperation with officials for the benefit of the game
9. I will respect and inspire respect from my players for the playing facilities provided for my team and our opponents

### **.....for PLAYERS**

1. I will play softball because I want to, not because others or coaches want me to
2. I will play by the rules of CMSA and in the spirit of the game
3. I will control my temper – fighting or 'mouthing off' can spoil the activity for everyone
4. I will respect my opponents
5. I will do my best to be a true team player
6. I will remember that winning isn't everything – that having fun, improving my skills, making friends and doing my best are also important
7. I will acknowledge all good plays and performances - those of my team and of my opponents
8. I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect
9. I will respect the playing facilities provided for me team and my opponents

### **.....for PARENTS**

1. I will not force my child to participate in softball
2. I will remember that my child plays sports for his or her enjoyment, not mine
3. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence
4. I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of the game
5. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard
6. I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
7. I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays/performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
8. I will never question the officials' judgment or honesty in public.

9. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities
10. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child.

.....Fair Play Athlete – Coach Agreement

**ATHLETE**

I agree to:

Always play by the rules

Never argue with an official. When a call is disputed, I'll let the coach or team captain handle it.

Remember that I'm playing because I enjoy the sport. Winning is fun, but so are many other things about the sport.

Work at achieving my personal best and to not get discouraged if it's not the best.

Show appreciation for good plays/performances, even by opponents.

Control my temper and not be a show-off.

**COACH**

I agree to:

Remind my athletes that winning a game or trophy isn't the only measure of success.

Encourage my athletes and offer constructive criticism.

Instruct my athletes to follow both the letter and the spirit of the rules.

Teach my athletes that officials are an important part of the game. They should be respected at all times, as should their decisions.

Encourage my athletes to be good sports.

Give every participant a chance to play and learn the skills.

Remember that my actions speak louder than my words.