

# **VERNON GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

## **Player, Coach and Parent Code of Conduct**

Players, Coaches and parents shall read, understand and agree to this when registering with any program within the VGSL. We would like each player, coach and parent to remember that the essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars” of character: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Good Citizenship/Sportsmanship while participating in the VGSL Programs.

As a player, coach or parent, I hereby support these principles and agree to the following:

- I will learn and respect the rules of the game and the policies of the VGSL set forth.
- I will respect players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation or ability.
- I will not engage in any sort of fighting, (verbal or physical).
- I will not swear or use abusive language or obscene gestures.
- I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player (either on my team or on an opposing team) or parent, such as taunting, ridiculing or bullying.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games. The team coaches shall handle all matters regarding officiating.
- I will not question, discuss, or confront players, parents or coaches at the game, during the game, or after the game, and will instead speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place, and will be no earlier than 24 hours after such issue occurs.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during practices and games unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- I will support a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use.
- I understand that I am fully responsible for my guests’ behavior and that it is my responsibility to ensure they abide by these rules as well.

I further agree that if I fail to abide by the VGSL Code of Conduct listed above, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Verbal warning by officials, coaches or the VGSL Executive Board at the time of violation
- Removal from the field and spectator area
- Game forfeit through the official
- Suspension of the player, coach or parent(s) or guests from practices and/or games, with duration ranging from one game to the remainder of the season determined by the VGSL Executive Board.