



## **PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT**

The Board of Directors of Moorpark Girls Softball (MGS) is committed to ensuring that all MGS games and activities are fair, positive, and enjoyable experiences for every child and adult involved. Participation in MGS Softball should be friendly and unifying—a spirited social and instructional athletic occasion for players, coaches, umpires, parents, and spectators.

As such, we expect all parents and guardians to adhere to the MGS Code of Ethics and conform to the following Code of Conduct:

### **CODE OF ETHICS**

#### ***Commitment to the Players***

- Parents shall encourage their children to always exhibit sportsmanship and respect for others.
- Parents shall support their child's development by promoting a positive attitude toward learning and teamwork.
- Parents shall refrain from coaching their child from the stands during games or practices.
- Parents shall recognize that coaches may use specific strategies and signals that should not be interrupted.
- Parents shall foster a respectful relationship between their child and the coach, understanding that mutual trust is essential.

#### ***Commitment to the Organization***

- Parents shall behave in a manner that brings credit to MGS and themselves.
- Parents shall support the league's mission and values, including respect, fairness, and integrity.
- Parents shall comply with all MGS and USA Softball rules and policies.



## CODE OF CONDUCT

### ***During Practices and Games***

- Treat all participants fairly, regardless of gender, ethnicity, religion, or background.
- Direct comments toward performance, not personal attributes.
- Refrain from using abusive language, profanity, or inappropriate behavior toward any player, coach, umpire, volunteer, or spectator.
- Do not interfere with coaching decisions or instructions.
- Ensure that guests attending games or practices behave respectfully and responsibly.
- Abstain from the use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco near playing fields or around players.
- Respect all posted safety rules, including the 5-mph speed limit in the parking lot.
- Keep the facility clean and contribute to the upkeep of the fields and common areas.

### ***Social Media and Communication***

- Refrain from slandering, bullying, or harassment via social media or other platforms.
- Submit a written request at registration if you do not want your child featured on MGS social media outlets.
- Address concerns respectfully and through appropriate league channels.

### ***Special Requests and League Participation***

- Special team requests must be submitted in writing at the time of registration and no later than evaluations. These are considered but not guaranteed.
- Registration fees must be paid in full unless prior arrangements are made with the MGS Executive Board.
- Refunds are considered on a case-by-case basis prior to team formation.



## PROGRESSIVE DISCIPLINE POLICY

Violations of the Parents Code of Conduct will be addressed through the following steps:

**1. First Offense – Verbal Warning**

A verbal warning will be issued by a league official. The incident will be documented.

**2. Second Offense – Written Warning**

A formal written warning will be issued. The individual may be asked to leave the premises for the remainder of the day.

**3. Third Offense – Suspension**

The individual will be suspended from attending games or practices for a specified period, as determined by the MGS Executive Board.

**4. Fourth Offense – Expulsion**

The individual may be permanently expelled from the league and prohibited from attending any MGS events.

**Note:** *Serious violations may result in immediate suspension or expulsion without prior warnings, in accordance with USA Softball Governing Body rules.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to abide by the expectations as outlined in the MGS Parents Code of Conduct Agreement.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_