



PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

- At all times, players will keep in mind they are to practice hard, play their best, and have fun! Players will always do their best to listen and learn from their coaches.
- Players shall honor and uphold the rules of ASA and the FVGFS League and the decisions of the FVGFS Board of Directors. Players agree to familiarize themselves with these rules or get assistance from their parent/guardian if necessary to read or understand the rules. Rules can be found on the FVGFS website.
- Players will strive to represent the league in a positive light. Players will demonstrate and maintain a positive attitude with good sportsmanship in mind at all times. Players will support and encourage teammates equally to foster teamwork and team spirit.
- Players are not to criticize or debate the decisions of umpires or officials. Players will accept the play calls from umpires and the outcome of games.
- Players will conduct themselves in a proper manner at all League functions. Disrespect, bad language, cyber bullying, physical altercations, verbal altercations, or insubordination will not be tolerated and may be met with appropriate action, up to and including suspension from games or from the league in general. This includes interactions among FVGFS players as well as players from other leagues. The Division Commissioner (s) and the FVGFS Board will review any and all infractions.
- Players will treat coaches, other players, officials, and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or abilities and player shall expect to be treated accordingly.
- Players will respect each player's personal space and property at all times. Theft of another player's equipment or personal belongings is prohibited.
- Any deliberate abuse by any player to equipment, buildings, or property of FVGFS at home fields or at away fields is strictly prohibited. The player and/or the parents of the player will be responsible for any necessary repairs or replacement costs at the discretion of the FVGFS Board.
- Players are expected to be at all games, practices, team events, or other special events on time and as scheduled by the league, team manager, or coaching staff. If players are going to be late or miss a game or event, player families must notify the coaching staff in advance so practice plans and game rosters can be altered timely. Excessive and unexcused absences may result in disciplinary action, which can include less playing time and possible removal from the team.
- Players shall abide by their Manager's and Coach's decisions regarding game positions, batting order, practices and playing strategies.
- Players will report to all practices and games fully dressed in appropriate practice gear or required game uniforms. Players should not be dressing at the fields for games or practices.
- Players represent the FVGFS League and are expected to keep their uniform in good condition. Jerseys may not be altered from the original appearance. Jerseys must be tucked in during all games.
- Players shall not leave practice, a game, a team function or other special event without the permission of the Parent/Guardian and the player must inform the coaching staff.
- Players must provide their own glove, helmet, bat, and rubber-cleated shoes. All batting helmets are required to have chinstrap and faceguards per ASA rules - and they must be stamped with the approved NOCSAE imprint. Bats must also be ASA softball approved. Additional uniform options are compression (sliding) shorts and kneepads. Umpires will often inspect the player's equipment prior to tournament play and will look for proper chin straps and loose face masks. Failure to wear proper equipment will forfeit the rights of the player to participate in a game or practice.
- During a game, players are NOT allowed to leave the dugout without the coaching staff's permission. Players are not to discuss any play, decision, or personal opinion with spectators, parents or officials from the dugout during games.
- Players understand that parents, siblings, friends, and other spectators are not allowed into the dugout during games. The dugout is for the team members and coaching staff only.
- For safety reasons, standing on the dugout benches or climbing dugout fencing will not be allowed at any time.
- For safety reasons, players with long hair must keep it pulled back in a ponytail or braids. No metal hair barrettes allowed. Jewelry cannot be worn during games. This includes body piercing of any kind (Exception: Medical ID jewelry is allowed).
- Players should cheer for their own team in a positive way. Negative criticism for teammates is unacceptable. Screaming or negative cheering against other teams exemplifies bad sportsmanship and is not allowed.
- Players are not allowed to use electronic devices of any kind (i.e., cell phones, iPods, iPads, head phones, or any other mobile or electronic device) on the field or in the dugout during practices or games. If a player needs to contact her Parent/Guardian via cell phone during a game or practice, the player must discuss with the coaching staff first.
- Players are allowed to have water or hydration drinks in the dugout during practices and games. However, players are NOT allowed to have food in the dugout during practices or games. Players are responsible to bring their own supply of water or hydration drinks to each practice and game.
- Players understand that use of alcohol, tobacco, or controlled or illegal substances is prohibited at all times.
- Players are expected to participate in all FVGFS League functions and all fundraising events.

Player's Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Player's Signature: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Date: _____

NOTE: Ultimately the parent/guardian is responsible for the actions and behavior of the player. Therefore a parent's signature also acts as an agreement that the player will abide by all the above requirements. It is highly recommended that the player family review these requirements together to ensure players are clear of their responsibilities and conduct while associated with the FVGFS League.