



## **NBGSA PARENT, FAMILY & SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT / EXPECTATIONS**

- Remember this game is for children, not adults.
- NBGSA is 100% Volunteer organization.
  - The NBGSA Board members and Coaches are all volunteers donating time to the young ladies of our city. Please be understanding and encouraging.
- Chain of Command
  - Issues and concerns need to go through the Coach first.
    - They have stepped up to be here and need to be given the first opportunity to have a discussion and engaged in concerns you have.
  - Next point of contact will be the Commissioner of your age division.
    - They will ask if you have spoken with the coach. If no – they will circle you back to speak with them. If yes, they will listen to your concerns and then will reach out to the coach to work through issues/concerns and will circle back with you.
    - Continued concerns you will bring to the Commissioner
  - Please allow time for issues/concerns to be addressed, understanding that not every issue has an immediate resolution and may need some time to be resolved.
  - Should the need arise, the Commissioner will be the one to involve the NBGSA Board
- **Any questions/issues/concerns that you want to discuss with the coach, do so after practice and/or games and in an area away from all players and children – including your own children.** We feel strongly that these conversations need to occur away from youth and should be held adult to adult.
- **Please do not coach from the stands during practice and/or during games.** Allow the coaches to coach without outside interference or influence. Remember, the coaches are 100% voluntary.
- Exhibit exceptionally good social behavior at practice sessions, games, and matches or stay away from these activities.
- See that your children, the players, have the proper equipment.
  - **Bats and helmets are provided by the league.**
    - If you choose to purchase your own bat, please get with your coach to help determine the correct size.
    - While we provide helmets, we do encourage having your own due to hygiene.
  - **Your child needs to have an appropriately sized glove and cleats**
    - If you do not know the size you need, please ask a coach.
  - Your coaches may ask for your child to get a fielders mask. ***While this is not a requirement, this is highly encouraged and supported by NBGSA due to safety.***
  - Your coach may require additional uniform desires (example: softball pants, socks, etc). If you have issues purchasing these, please discuss those with the coach.
- See that your children arrive at the stated time and are picked up at the stated time.
- **Applaud all good effort and good plays or remain silent.**
- See that your children receive ample positive encouragement and hugs regardless of the outcome of their contests.
- Allow your children to play without negative pressure, verbal or physical.
- Support the coaches and league leaders with dignity and respect.
- Treat the game and match umpires with dignity and respect.
- See that your children do not intentionally injure other players.
- Help your children adhere to the written and unwritten rules of honesty, fair play, and good sportsmanship.
- Step in and assist or volunteer to help other players, the team or program when asked.
- Provide your children with extra instructional opportunities if/when possible.

**Failure to abide by the Player Code of Conduct is subject to disciplinary action levied by the NBGSA Board which could include, but is not limited to the following:**

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Player suspension for games
- Player suspension for season including postseason (All Stars/Tournament Team)
- Player being expelled from the league

**The NBGSA Board retains the sole authority to determine what, if any, disciplinary action is appropriate for any conduct infraction.**