



PV Elite Fastpitch Softball

Coach Code of Conduct

Mission Statement

Our mission is to have highly competitive teams comprised of participants from the Prairie Village recreational leagues. These teams will have a strong emphasis on sportsmanship, commitment, respect, teamwork, knowledge of the game and community involvement. This cannot be accomplished without the dedication of our players, coaches, parents and volunteers.

Core Principles

PV Elite Fastpitch participation must be healthy, positive and safe for everyone involved. Team activities must be conducted in an environment that values good sportsmanship while representing Prairie Village as a first-class organization.

The coach is the key to making the PV Elite Fastpitch experience positive, educational and fun. They foster a positive athletic experience for all participants including players, parents, umpires, officials, the opposing team and all fans. This Code of Conduct defines the expectations for coaches.

Core Practices

- The coach provides inspiration and positive communication and assists players to make good decisions.
- The coach is a role model at all times, recognizing his/her profound influence on players. They must exhibit respect for the umpires, officials and other coaches.
- A coach is sensitive to the fact that different approaches will be needed for different individuals according to their needs, backgrounds and skill levels.
- Coaches are educators, first and foremost. They must strive to learn new and different approaches, and engage the players in the learning process. The learning goes beyond techniques and strategies to include teaching sportsmanship and effective communication with parents.
- Coaches recognize the need for balance in the lives of players, a balance that respects the needs of the family, church and school.
- Coaches teach the value of competition and how to handle success with grace and defeat with dignity.
- Coaches should demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free sports environment for their teams.

Out of Bounds

- Coaches who fail to acknowledge participation in Prairie Village's recreational league(s) as a priority
- Coaches who highlight the elite athlete and fail to provide a broad range of opportunities for all team participants
- Coaches who fail to understand that first and foremost they are teachers
- Coaches who communicate through the intimidation or berating of players
- Coaches with a "win at all costs" philosophy
- Coaches who use profanity or discriminating speech at any time
- Coaches who are unfair in their promotion of players
- Coaches who promote specialization by their athletes at an inappropriate age or level
- Coaches who lack self-control and display poor sportsmanship
- Coaches who argue with umpires, officials, other coaches or parents
- Coaches who single out a few players, resulting in limited playing time
- Coaches who fail to respect individual differences and diversity

Use of Prairie Village and PV Elite

The Prairie Village and PV Elite names and logos are property of Prairie Village Softball. Any use of these items on equipment, clothing, marketing materials or other merchandise must be approved by the current board of Prairie Village Softball.

Money Matters and Fundraising

All player accounts of the coach's children must be kept in good standing. If a player's account becomes delinquent the coach (and player) may be held from participation until the account is made current. In addition, coaches are expected to actively participate in activities to support PV Elite Fastpitch Softball.

Code of Conduct Resolution

The officers of the current board of Prairie Village Softball (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) will review all Code of Conduct violations and decide if disciplinary measures need to be taken. These findings will then be presented to the other board members at the following meeting.

The following guidelines will be followed in terms of any disciplinary measures:

- 1st Offense: Verbal Warning
- 2nd Offense: Written Warning
- 3rd Offense: Dismissal from the program

NOTE: Depending on the severity of the violation, dismissal could result after any offense.

Agreement and Contract

I agree to the terms and conditions of the PV Elite Fastpitch Code of Conduct. I have read the Code of Conduct expectations for Coaches, as well as those for Players and Parents/Spectators and will abide by the rules while participating in any activity related to PV Elite Fastpitch Softball.

It is mandatory that all Coaches sign this Code of Conduct prior to participation on PV Elite Fastpitch team. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please contact any Prairie Village Softball Board Member.

Coaches refusing to sign may be withheld from competition. Any violation of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action, including permanent removal, from the PV Elite Fastpitch program.

Team Name: _____

Coach: _____
Print Name

Signature

Date

Prairie Village League President

Date