

## **LATHAM LASSIES TRAVEL SOFTBALL CODE OF CONDUCT**

The Latham Lassies Softball League's Travel Softball program aims to provide an opportunity for young women to play competitive softball in an atmosphere that encourages and promotes teamwork, friendly competition, amicable relationships, good sportsmanship, and community. The organization expects coaches, players, fans and parents to exhibit courtesy behavior at all times.

### **MANAGER/COACH CODE OF CONDUCT:**

The coaching staff will hold each other to a high standard and will conduct themselves in a responsible manner and set a positive example for all players and their families.

- I will demonstrate and encourage good sportsmanship from fellow coaches, officials, players, and parents at every practice and game.
- I will show respect for umpires, visiting coaches and players and players on my team at all times.
- I will commit to coaching all of my players in a respectful manner and provide the players on my team the opportunity to develop their skills.
- I will communicate respectfully with parents of players on my team and escalate any parental complaints to the LL's Board.
- I will lead by example and support my players on and off the field.
- I will reinforce to my players that sports and are an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- I will refrain from any conduct which ridicules an umpire, opposing player, team or the game itself. I understand that negative behavior will not be tolerated and is grounds for suspension of one or more games or dismissal as a manager/coach.

### **PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT:**

The coaching staff will hold every athlete to a high standard and will expect all team members to conduct themselves in a responsible manner.

- I understand playing time is not guaranteed and may not be equal for all players
- I will treat practice just like a game. Practice is the time to learn and improve. We will not coach poor attitudes, we cannot coach effort, and effort comes from the player on the inside.
- I will attend every practice and game that I can and will be on time. I will notify my coach if I cannot.
- I will listen and learn from my coaches. Ask questions if you are not sure. Be willing to try new positions, new techniques. Be willing to do whatever your team needs you to do.
- I will accept my role on the team. If you do not like it, work harder to change it. Playing time is earned in practice and on the field.
- I will treat my coaches, other players, officials and fans with respect. Disrespect for coaches, parents, teammates, and umpires will not be tolerated.
- I will demonstrate and encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every practice and game.
- I will lead by example and support my teammates on and off the field.
- I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity.
- I will do my very best in school.
- I will remember that sports and are an opportunity to learn and have fun.
- If I fail to abide by the above code of conduct, the resulting action could include but is not limited to a verbal or written warning by coach and possible game suspension.

**PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT:**

Parents play a huge role in the development of a successful softball player. Your role is every bit as important as that of the coaches. That is why we welcome your presence at every practice and every game.

- I will encourage my daughter to communicate with the coaches. It is very important that the players build the confidence to interact with and establish a healthy interactive relationship with their coaches.
- I will make sure my daughter is on time to all team activities. I will notify the coach or team parent if my daughter cannot attend or will be late.
- I will reach out to a coach if I have a problem or concern. Your thoughts are important to us. We will work to address your concerns. Complaining to other parents cannot solve your problems, nor can we solve problems that we do not know about.
- I will not question the Coaches during a game. Disagreements with the coach do not belong on the field before, during or after a game or practice. Questions and comments should be voiced later in an adult atmosphere.
- I will not coach my child during practices or games. Your comments detract from what the coach is doing, they give the player another thing to think about, and it interferes with the development of the player/coach relationship.
- I will stay out of the bench area during the game so I do not distract my child or other players
- I will tell the coach before practice or games, if my child has an illness or injury that will prevent her from participating.