

## **Watertown-Mayer Youth Softball Association Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct**

Participation in the Watertown-Mayer Youth Softball Association (WMYSA) is a privilege for both players and families. As a parent or guardian, I understand that my actions, words, and behavior directly influence the experience of every athlete. By signing below, I agree to support a positive, respectful, and development-focused environment for all players.

### **Support for Players**

- I will encourage all players and emphasize effort, improvement and teamwork over wins and losses.
- I will model positive behavior and demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
- I will help my child learn responsibility, respect and commitment to the team.

### **Respect for Coaches, Officials, and Volunteers**

- I will respect the authority and decisions of coaches, umpires, and league volunteers.
- I understand that coaches and officials are doing their best to provide a fair, safe, and positive experience for players.
- I will not confront, argue with, or criticize coaches or officials during games or practices.

### **Sideline and Game Conduct**

- I will maintain a positive and supportive presence at all games, practices and events.
- I will refrain from yelling instructions to players, criticizing calls or engaging in negative behavior toward any participant.
- I will not use inappropriate language, gestures, or conduct at any WMYSA activity.

### **Communication and Conflict Resolution**

- I will follow WMYSA communication guidelines and address concerns respectfully and privately.
- I understand that concerns regarding coaching decisions, playing time or team matters should be discussed at an appropriate time and not during games or in front of players. I will follow the 24-hour rule.
- I will communicate in a manner that is constructive, calm and solution-focused.

### **Respect for All Participants**

- I will treat players, families, coaches, officials and spectators with courtesy and respect.
- I will not engage in gossip, bullying, harassment, or negative online behavior related to WMYSA.
- I will help foster an inclusive environment where every player feels safe, valued, and supported.

### **Commitment to the Program**

- I will support my child's commitment to attend practices, games, and team events whenever possible.
- I will respect team rules, league policies, and facility guidelines.
- I will help care for fields, facilities, and equipment used by WMYSA.

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### **Acknowledgement**

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to follow the WMYSA Parent / Guardian Code of Conduct. I understand that failure to meet these expectations may result in disciplinary action, including removal from games or events, suspension of privileges, or other actions deemed appropriate by the Association.

**Player Name (printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent / Guardian Name (printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent / Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_