

The mission of Aitkin Youth Fastpitch is “to foster a love of the game, stress sportsmanship, teach fundamentals and encourage community involvement.” AYF will provide an opportunity for young women to play softball in an atmosphere that encourages and promotes teamwork, friendly competition, good sportsmanship and community. The organization expects coaches, players, and parents to exhibit courteous behavior at all times, and will be asked to review and sign the AYF Code of Conduct on an annual basis. By doing so, you will reinforce what sports are all about...being fun for everyone. It’s simple: BE A GOOD SPORT!

PLAYER’S CODE OF CONDUCT

- I will respect the game, my teammates, my coaches, opposing teams, fans and the umpires. I will not argue an umpire’s call or decision. I will not make comments to an umpire from the field or bench.
- I will settle disagreements with coaches and other players in a calm, confidential/private manner after games and practices and away from other players.
- I will not fault other players when mistakes occur.
- I will respectfully listen, pay attention to and learn from my coaches while they are talking. I will ask questions if I am not sure and I will be willing to try what my coaches ask of me.
- I will always be in control of my temper and I will learn from both winning and losing.
- I understand that swearing, throwing equipment or any other actions that detract from the game will result in immediate removal from the game.
- I will work hard for myself and for my team and understand effort comes from the player.
- I will take pride in myself and everything I do on the field.
- I will be kind to myself, make wise choices, strive to be healthy and develop habits that nourish and respect my body.
- I will do my best in school.
- I will make every effort to maximize my playing ability.
- I will lead by example for my teammates and others learning to play the game.
- I will always play by the rules.

- I will show up on time and prepared for games and practices.
- I will never put down, either verbally, in writing, with gestures or on social media, another player, official, coach, fan or parent with the intent of humiliation or ill will or impede a respectful and positive environment.
- I understand the ultimate goal is to have fun, develop my skills and create team spirit.

PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- I will always encourage my child to respect their teammates, opposing teams, coaches, umpires, parents and fans and I will lead by example.
- I will respect all facilities, home or away, equipment and uniforms made available so my child can play games and practice softball.
- I will not question the coaches during a game, and I will reach out to a coach if I have a problem. I agree to do so at an appropriate time and away from the players. I understand that problems cannot be solved if they are not brought forth. I will encourage my daughter to communicate with her coaches in the same manner.
- I will applaud good plays by both my child's team and their opponents, will offer encouragement and will teach my child that learning from mistakes and trying their hardest despite the score, situation or outcome is extremely important.
- I will do my best to be a supportive, involved parent while not criticizing the umpire's judgment or causing distraction and will not coach my child during practices or games unless asked by the coaches.
- I will do my best to make sure my daughter is on time and prepared for all team activities. I will stress the importance of attending practice, listening to and learning from the coaches and playing by the rules.
- I will help my child do her best in school, make healthy choices and develop healthy habits.
- I will never put down, either verbally, in writing, with gestures or on social media, another player, official, coach, fan or parent with the

intent of humiliation or ill will or impede a respectful and positive environment.

- I will make every effort to support the Aitkin Youth Fastpitch Program and will make attempt to participate within the organization and community where I am able.
- I will remember that my child plays for her enjoyment and not for mine. I realize that I have enrolled my child to have fun, develop her softball skills and have a positive team experience. I will do my best to support these objectives.

COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- I will remember the mission of AYF: to create a developmental youth softball league that fosters love of the game, stresses sportsmanship, teaches fundamentals and encourages community involvement; and will let it guide my time coaching the players.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all children, managers and coaches, including those from an opposing team. This applies to every game, practice or any other AYF event.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating respect and positive support for all umpires, league officials, parents and fans at every game or event.
- I will ask my players to treat all other players, coaches, umpires, league officials, parents and fans with respect.
- I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of all children on all teams ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will applaud good plays by both my team and their opponents, will offer encouragement and will teach my players that learning from mistakes and trying their hardest despite the score, situation or outcome is extremely important.
- I will do all I can to make the game fun and safe, grow the love of the game and will encourage all girls, regardless of level of play.
- I will insist that my players are in a safe and healthy environment.
- I will consistently foster an environment of positivity and confidence.

- I will never put down, either verbally, in writing, with gestures or on social media, another player, official, coach, fan or parent with the intent of humiliation or ill will or impede a respectful and positive environment.
- I understand that the Aitkin Youth Fastpitch Program is a volunteer organization that requires parents to participate in activities as they are able. I therefore agree to enlist the support of all the parents of my players in this effort.