



## **Elk Grove Girls Softball League Member Code of Conduct Contract**

**Purpose** - Elk Grove Girls Softball League (EGGSL) players and members have a responsibility to foster an environment that supports good sportsmanship while providing fundamental development and growth through the sport of softball. In order to provide such conditions we are all held to the Code of Conduct set forth in the EGGSL bylaws and the expectations set forth below:

As a player/member in EGGSL, I will adhere to the following principles:

### **1. I understand the importance of providing a positive experience and environment for the players.**

- I understand EGGSL has given me the privilege to participate in a recreational activity whose primary responsibility is to develop players – not only with regard to their softball skills but their life skills, as well.. I will strive to ensure myself and my player(s) have a positive attitude contributing to a positive softball experience.
- I will arrive on time to practices and games wearing proper athletic attire at all times.
- I will never ridicule or shout at players when they make a mistake or when the team loses.
- I understand that I am responsible for the conduct of my players and spectators/family, specifically as it relates to the umpires, other coaches, and opposing players.
- I will not allow my spectators to yell at or complain to umpires during or after games.
- I will refrain from shouting instructions to players, but will encourage them to cheer on any and all players during the game.

### **2. I understand that softball is more than the scoreboard.**

- I understand that the score of a game comes second to the safety and welfare of myself and other players and teammates.
- I agree to put winning in its proper perspective.
- I will show unwavering respect for all players, parents, officials, and the opposing team.

### **3. I understand my role as a player/member when it comes to opposing teams.**

- I understand I represent EGGSL and the community at large, and will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
- I will not play with intent to cause injury to opposing players.
- I will strive to ensure that neither I, nor my players and spectators, display hostile behavior towards umpires, opposing coaches, opposing players, and opposing parents or family members.
- I will actively display good character, ethics, and sportsmanship. I will be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity.
- At the end of each game, I will shake our opponent's hands and I will instill respect in

pre/post-game rituals.

**4. I understand the importance of allowing umpires to call the game and I will let the umpire do his or her job.**

- I, my players and my spectators, will respect the umpires at all times even if we do not agree.
- I understand my attitude can influence my team, other players and spectators.

**5. I will abide by the rules of the game.**

- I understand I am responsible for understanding and competing within the letter and the spirit of the EGGSL rules of the game.
- I will never, knowingly or intentionally, violate the EGGSL player participation rules or any other rules established by EGGSL.
- I understand I have responsibilities to EGGSL which include participating in events, supporting team duties such as volunteering, and attending League events, attending League work days, communicating with my player agent and/or board, and maintenance of fields before and after each game. It takes a whole team to help make a great season.

**6. I agree to refrain from all alcohol and tobacco use while in the dugout, on the field, or in the general vicinity of where players and parents may interact during an EGGSL affiliated game or practice.**

**7. I agree to conduct myself with dignity and to maintain the highest standards of conduct as a player/member with EGGSL.**

- I will always display good sportsmanship and fair play and I will encourage the same from my players, parents, and spectators.

**8. I have read the EGGSL Rules and Code of Conduct.**

- This contract does not supersede the EGGSL Code of Conduct but is supplemental to secure the commitment of these expectations and code of conduct while representing the league. If I fail to comply with this EGGSL Coach and Player Code of Conduct Agreement or any other rules or regulations enacted by EGGSL, I agree and understand that I am subject to disciplinary actions or sanctions, including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion from coaching in EGGSL. By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this Player and Members' Code of Conduct.

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Head Coaches Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Player): \_\_\_\_\_ Signature (Player): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent (Member) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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