

# Softball Association of Sylvan Lake

## Player & Parent Code of Conduct

Approved by the Board: October 9, 2025

### 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to promote respect, teamwork, sportsmanship, and community pride within the Softball Association of Sylvan Lake (SASL). Players and parents are expected to uphold the Association's values both on and off the field to create a positive, safe, and inclusive environment for all.

### 2. Scope

This Code applies to all registered players, parents, and guardians participating in any SASL-sanctioned activity, including practices, games, tournaments, team events, and online interactions.

### 3. Player Conduct Expectations

Players shall:

- Show respect toward coaches, teammates, officials, and opponents at all times.
- Demonstrate sportsmanship, win or lose, and support others positively.
- Attend practices and games on time, ready to participate with proper gear and attitude.
- Refrain from arguing with umpires, coaches, or opponents.
- Never use profanity, abusive language, or disrespectful behavior.
- Notify their coach in advance if unable to attend a team commitment.
- Take care of Association equipment and facilities.
- Follow all safety rules and instructions provided by coaches and officials.

### 4. Parent/Guardian Conduct Expectations

Parents shall:

- Model respectful behavior toward all players, coaches, officials, and spectators.
- Refrain from coaching from the sidelines or interfering with team decisions.
- Encourage their child to play fairly, work hard, and have fun.
- Avoid criticism or negative discussion of players, coaches, or umpires—especially in public or on social media.
- Address concerns privately and respectfully with the team coach or division coordinator.
- Ensure their child attends games and practices on time and is prepared.
- Support volunteer efforts and the spirit of community involvement.
- Refrain from using alcohol, tobacco, or cannabis near players during any Association activity.

### 5. Social Media Conduct

All members of SASL are ambassadors of the Association online and in the community.

- Players and parents must not post or share content that is disrespectful, discriminatory, or

harmful.

- Team-related posts should reflect positive sportsmanship and community spirit.
- Cyberbullying or online negativity directed at players, coaches, officials, or volunteers will not be tolerated.

## **6. Conflict Resolution**

Concerns should be handled calmly, respectfully, and in the following order:

1. Speak directly to the team coach (after 24 hours, if possible).
2. If unresolved, contact the Division Coordinator.
3. If further assistance is needed, submit a written concern to the SASL Executive Board.

No player or parent shall engage in confrontation or inappropriate discussion during or after games.

## **7. Disciplinary Action**

Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary measures including:

- Verbal or written warnings
- Suspension from games or practices
- Removal from the team or Association activities

Decisions will be made by the Executive Board in accordance with the Discipline and Conduct Policy.

## **8. Acknowledgment**

By signing below, both player and parent/guardian agree to follow this Code of Conduct and understand that failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

### ***Player Agreement***

I have read and understand the Softball Association of Sylvan Lake Player Code of Conduct. I agree to play fairly, respect others, and represent my team with pride.

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### ***Parent/Guardian Agreement***

I have read and understand the Softball Association of Sylvan Lake Parent Code of Conduct. I agree to model respectful behavior, support my child's development, and uphold the Association's values.

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Position: \_\_\_\_\_