



California High School Softball

Player Code of Conduct

Academics: Student-athletes are students first. Earning a quality education is the # 1 priority in high school. Softball will enhance this process. Coaches are here to help ensure these priorities remain in place, but the student-athlete is ultimately responsible. A 2.0 grade point average is the minimum required to participate in any sport at California High School. Pay special attention to classes during the last period of the day, as they will be most impacted by early dismissal on game days.

Attendance: Attendance at all practices and games is required. Illness and special circumstances must be communicated to the coach prior to any absence, as early as possible to allow the coach ample time to make adjustments to the practice plan or game plan. Consequences to frequent or unexcused absences may be loss of playing time and, in extreme circumstances, removal from the team.

Team Concept: Softball is a team sport and team sports require individual players to leave their egos off the field. At the Varsity level, our collective goal is to compete and win in a sportsman-like manner. As such, coaches will make decisions about individuals that are designed to benefit the team first and the individual second. At the JV level, our collective goal is to prepare players to improve their chances of progressing to Varsity.

Sportsmanship: Softball is a tough competitive sport and, like any sport, situations occur that could cause anger or tempers to flare. However, regardless of any situation, your good sportsmanship is mandated by this program at all times! You are expected to respect your teammates, your coaches, opposing players, opposing coaches, umpires, and the game itself. DO NOT let outside influences shadow your behavior to the contrary!

Playing Time: All members of our softball program will be treated in a fair manner, but not everyone will receive equal playing time. There is no minimum play rule in high school softball. Everyone is expected to work hard, embrace instruction from the coaches, and strive to get better in order to improve the team's chances of succeeding and their individual chances of maintaining / increasing their playing time. Any concerns about playing time should be addressed ONLY by the player having a discussion with the coach.

Character: Always be cognizant of and adhere to the "Vowel Characteristics:" **A-Attitude; E-Effort; I- Integrity; O-Optimism; U-Unselfishness.**

Commitment: You must be prepared to commit to the team regardless of your role, recognizing that your role may change throughout the season to benefit the team.

Respect: There is NO TOLERANCE for disrespectful behavior of any kind, including bullying, hazing, and mismanagement of social media. Always remember that California High School Softball needs to be a "drama-free" environment. Drama works contrary to the concept of the team and, therefore, will not be tolerated.

Responsibility: Be responsible for your actions at all times. DO NOT EVER make excuses. Part of becoming an adult is admitting if you made a mistake and then dealing with the consequences in a positive manner. Make good choices.

Alcohol, Drugs &, Tobacco: Any player involved in the use, sale, or possession of alcohol or drugs will be removed from the team. Zero Tolerance. Any player involved in the use of tobacco will be – at a minimum – subjected to the disciplinary guidelines set forth by California High School and the San Ramon Valley Unified School District.

Transportation: You are expected to travel to and from all away games in the team's car pools. Students are never to drive themselves.

Equipment: You are responsible for all program softball equipment and uniforms issued to you. All clothing items issued to you by our program are expected to be returned clean at the end of the season. Anything missing or damaged beyond normal wear and tear will be billed to the player/parent. DO NOT alter any equipment, including uniforms.

Game day Attire: Team Captains will decide what will be worn to school on game day. All players are expected to participate.

I agree to abide by all items included in this Code of Conduct and I am prepared to meet my obligations as a player, team member, and student participating in the California High School softball program.

Player's Name: _____ Player's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____