



## Dorchester Girls Fastball Association Parent Code of Conduct

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Verbal or physical behaviors that constitute harassment or abuse are unacceptable

Harassment takes many forms but generally can be described as behaviors including comments and/or conduct which is insulting, intimidating, hurtful, malicious, degrading, or otherwise offensive to an individual or groups of individuals, or which creates an uncomfortable environment.

### **I will:**

- Remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- Inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- Be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other related event. I will ensure my guests behave similarly.
- Demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, colour, sex or ability.
- Teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- Praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- Emphasize skill development and practices, and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- Promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes in front of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- Respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches privately, at an agreed upon later time and place.
- Refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- Refrain from berating or abusing a coach via email.

**As in any competitive sport, the rules of good conduct, good sportsmanship and manners shall always apply. I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:**

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or the President of DGFA.
- Written warning by the DGFA
- Meeting to determine future player or parent participation in the DGFA.
- In extreme cases of abuse or harassment, proper authorities will be advised accordingly.

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