



Dorchester Girls Fastball Association Players Code of Conduct

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:

- Respect my coach, myself, be courteous, listen, focus and try to the very best of my ability during all games and practices.
- Respect and follow the rules of Baseball as they pertain to my division.
- Respect my teammates and treat all other players the way I would like to be treated.
- Respect my opponents and never criticize or make fun of another team's play or abilities.
- Respect and accept the decisions of game officials and never engage in a dispute directed towards an official.
- Compete fairly and demonstrate good sportsmanship no matter if my team wins or not and never make excuses if my team loses a game.
- Congratulate my opponent and game officials after the game win or loss.
- Have a positive attitude at all times and never quit.
- Encourage and cheer on my teammates, and never criticize a teammate for a perceived lack of performance or error.
- Advise my coaches immediately during a game or practice if I feel sick or have injured myself in any way.
- Try to the best of my ability to attend all games and practices; notify the coach if I'm unable to attend an upcoming game, practice or meeting at least 24 hours prior to the event.
- Show up to all games and practices with the proper attire (uniform) and equipment.
- Never leave a game or training field without the expressed permission or knowledge of my coach.
- Never use profane or vulgar language, and never use alcohol or drugs during a game or at practice.
- Never leave the bench during a game without the permission of my coach, or engage in eating on the bench.
- Never participate in excessive or irresponsible horseplay during a game or practice.
- Demonstrate respect for team/public property and equipment.
- Approach my coach if I'm having a problem or an issue with another teammate or for any reason.
- Endeavour to have fun above all, and not be afraid to try my hardest.

Failure to abide by the Code of Conduct may result in the following disciplinary actions:

- Verbal warning by official or head coach,
- Written warning from the DGFA Executive
- Meeting with the coach, parent (or legal guardian), and President to determine a further course of action or that player's future with that team.
- In extreme cases of abuse or harassment, proper authorities will be advised accordingly.