

SOUTH SURREY / WHITE ROCK MINOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

FAIR PLAY CODES FOR ATHELETES AND PARENTS

ATHELETES - I will:

- Play by the rules and in the sprit of the game
- Control my temper – fighting and “mouthing off” can spoil the activity for everybody
- Respect my opponents and officials
- Do my best to be a true team player
- Remember that winning isn’t everything – that having fun, improving skills, making friends, and doing my best are more important
- Acknowledge all good plays and performances – those of my team, of my opponents, and of the officials
- Participate because I want to – not just because my parents or coaches want me to
- Remember that coaches and officials are there to help me – I will respect their decisions and show them respect

I agree to play fair _____

PARENTS – I will:

- Remember that my child plays sports for his or her enjoyment, not mine
- Encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- Teach my child that doing one’s best is more important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of the game
- Make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard
- Never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition
- Remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good performances by both my child’s team and their opponents
- Not force my child to participate in sports
- Never question the officials’ judgements or honesty in public
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children’s sporting activities
- Respect and show appreciation for volunteer coaches who give up their time to provide sport activities for my child, understanding that I have a responsibility to be a part of my child’s development

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