



San Leandro Girls Softball (SLGS) strives to create a positive atmosphere where children learn the game of softball, develop values and have fun. All members of the SLGS community have a role to play in creating this positive atmosphere. By joining the league both parents, players and coaches acknowledge and agree to the terms of all league policies.

Parent Code of Conduct:

The SLGS has implemented the following Parent Code of Conduct for the sole purpose of driving home the important message it holds about the role of parents in supporting their child in sports and specifically while they are in the SLGS league. By joining the SLGS parents acknowledge and agree to the terms of the following:

1. I will provide support, respect and encouragement for my child, as well as the other players, fellow parents, coaches, umpires, board members and any other adult who is involved in the league.
2. I will 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 her performance.
3. I will encourage my daughter to be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the youth, not adults.
4. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
5. I will help the team by making sure that my child arrives on time for all games and practices, and by letting the coach know in advance if my child will be absent or late.
6. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model and will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct such as fighting, foul language, arguing, taunting, or criticizing the efforts of players, coaches, team managers or umpires. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
7. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all SLGS events.

8. I will be respectful of the coaches and managers. I will allow them to establish the team's goals and make decisions and control the game in accordance with those goals. Unless I am one of the official coaches of the team, I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices and will not assist with coaching or pre-game warm-ups unless invited by the coach. I will not shout advice to my daughter or her teammates from the sidelines or give her instructions counter to those of the coaches. Sideline discussions during practices and games should be limited to supportive comments. Sarcasm, negative remarks, criticism and unsolicited advice are highly inappropriate and will not be tolerated.

9. If I have any serious concerns or complaints, I will arrange a private session with the head coach or team manager. Such concerns may not be discussed in a public forum such as a team e-mail distribution list. If a disagreement cannot be resolved, any party (parent, coach or manager) may ask the SLGS President in conjunction with the SLGS Board to resolve the matter; both parties will be expected to abide by the President's decision. Formal complaints to SLGS must be filed in writing and signed before action will be taken.

The Consequences:

I understand that if I do not follow this Code of Conduct, I may be subject to one or more of the following consequences:

When a parent does not adhere to this Code, SLGS holds their coaches and managers accountable and empowers them to take necessary action. They have the authority to issue a warning or to ban from practices or games any parent who violates this Code. Such actions may take the form of a verbal warning or a written warning. Documentation of all incidents will be kept on file by SLGS.

Parents who are verbally abusive to coaches, managers, umpires, players or other adults involved in the league in a public setting will be removed from the practice or game. If the abuse occurs in another public forum such as e-mail distribution list, the abusive parent will not be allowed to attend the next practice or game.

Two violations of the code of conduct will result in dismissal of the offending parent from all practices and games. After three or more infractions, the parent will be asked to withdraw their child from the league for the remainder of the season. Reinstatement during a later season will depend on the outcome of a hearing before the SLGS Board.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date