



# DEEP RUN VALLEY SPORTS ASSOCIATION

## 2008 Lady Lightning Softball

Mary Ann Hennigan, Travel Softball Commissioner

Jeff Koenig, Intramural Softball Commissioner

Chris Purcell, Equipment and Grounds

Brad Hughes, Player Agent

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## Codes of Conduct

### Players

Treat all players and coaches with respect, be positive and constructive at all times to others. Do not use abusive language or actions and control your anger at all times. Compliment any good play or sportsmanship, even to opposing players.

Treat all umpires with respect, recognizing that softball rules involve judgment. Do not openly criticize the umpires during the course of the game.

Always cheer positively providing encouragement for members of both teams. Never use negative cheers for the opposing team, or for any reason.

During the game always remain in the dugout or on the field, unless you notify the coaches where you are going.

Show your commitment to the team with regular and enthusiastic attendance at practices and games. Notify the coaches of any absence as soon as possible.

Pay attention to the game. Always know how many outs there are, who you follow in the batting order, where to make the play if you get the ball and be prepared to act on it.

Clean up after the games, always be willing to help out wherever needed or you are asked to help.

Do not wear any jewelry while playing or practicing, and minimize the use of make up at games and practices.

If you don't understand something ask questions! Remember the only dumb question is the question not asked.

Always show good sportsmanship while on and off the field. Remember that your actions and appearance reflect on the Deep Run Valley Sport Association. Always wear your complete uniform properly and proudly to games.

Shake hands at the completion of each game with opposing team players, coaches, and game officials.

Perform to the very best of YOUR ABILITY! That is all that can be asked of you.

### Coaches

Will do their best to provide a safe playing situation for all players.

Will treat each player as an individual, remembering the emotional and physical development of each participant, and place the well being of all players ahead of a personal desire to win.

Will accept decisions of game officials in games as being fair and called to the best ability of said officials.

Will not criticize players in front of spectators and/or teammates, but will reserve the right to constructive criticism for later, in private, or in the presence of the other team members if others might benefit.

Will not criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, fans, or parents by word of mouth or deed.

Will emphasize that while winning is not always the most important thing, it is always a result of good teamwork.

Will be jointly responsible for the conduct of team fans, players and parents.

Will never use abusive language or profane language at any time, and will not deliberately incite un-sportsman like conduct from players and/or team parents.

Will remove from a game or practice any participant whenever in the coach's opinion there is any doubt about her health, whether or not as a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.

Will do their best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all players.

Will be knowledgeable in the rules of softball, and will teach these rules to the players.

Will not physically touch any player with force or to endanger their well being.

Will remember that they are a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the team members, not the adults.

Will shake hands at the completion of each game with opposing team players, coaches, and game officials.

### **Parents/Fans**

Treat all participants with respect, being positive and constructive at all times to all players and coaches. Do not use abusive language or actions and control your anger at all times.

Treat all umpires with respect, recognizing that softball rules involve judgment. Do not openly criticize the umpires during the course of the game.

Treat all coaches with respect, recognizing that they are volunteers donating their time and energy for these players.

If you have concerns about players, coaches, umpires, fields or any other aspect of the league, please direct them to the first to the Head Coach, and then to the Deep Run Softball Player Agent – Brad Hughes, the Intramural Softball Commissioner- Jeff Koenig, or the Travel Softball Commissioner Mary Ann Hennigan away from the field.

Always cheer positively providing encouragement for members of both teams.

During the game please remain in the stands, away from the dugouts, and off of the field unless requested by the coach to give assistance.

Support your child's commitment to her team by assuring her regular attendance at practices and games. Notify the coaches of any absence as soon as possible.

Support your child, the coaches and Deep Run by making sure the facilities are cleaned up after all practices and games.

Follow all rules of the complex where the game is being held. Most including Deep Run do not allow smoking, pets, or alcohol, if in doubt check with the coaches.

Remember that that the game is for the team members and not the adults.

***HAVE FUN! AND LET'S PLAY BALL!!***