



## **Parents Code of Conduct 2012**

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

**I (and my guests) therefore agree:**

- **To remember children participate to have fun and that the game is for the children.**
- **To inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.**
- **To 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 and practice.**
- **To not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.**
- **To not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the children.**
- **To respect the facilities at our opponents grounds.**
- **To never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.**
- **To 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 at an agreed upon time and place.**
- **To honor a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all events.**
- **To refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.**

**Failure to sign off on this letter will result in your child being ineligible to play in Lyn Minor Softball during the 2012 season.**