

## **SEP Rams Softball Club Player/Parent Code of Conduct**

The SEP Rams Softball Club is a division of the Greater Altoona Girls Softball Association. The purpose of this program is to give the youth of our community an opportunity to increase their softball skills by playing in a competitive atmosphere. The main goal of our program is to prepare our young athletes and teach them the skills they will need to compete at a higher level and hopefully one day be able to play at the high school level. It is also a primary goal of our program to teach our youth how to compete in the proper manner with good sportsmanship and dignity.

The philosophy of "TEAM" first is very important. This is not an individual sport and therefore, most decisions are made with the intention of what is best for the whole team and not just a few individuals. Each player and their parents will need to sign a code of conduct prior to being allowed to play in the SEP Rams Softball Club Program. Commitment and dedication are a must for any team and program to be successful.

With this purpose in mind, we ask that each player/guardian agree to the following:

- Ensure that my athlete is at practice and games on time and that she exhibits a positive attitude toward other players and coaches on the team.
- Notify the coach as soon as possible if my daughter is going to miss or be late for practice or a game.
- Always Exhibit good sportsmanship. Treating all opponents with respect.
- Respect and support the coaches, addressing any issues directly and privately, observing the 24-hour rule and make myself available in good faith for discussions with members of the executive board to resolve issues which may raise concerns towards player safety.
- Not use social media or other forms of electronic communication in a way that may be harmful or damaging to the reputation of the association.
- Act as a positive role model by respecting and obeying umpires. Refrain from criticizing and/or complaining.
- Lead by example, winning and losing with dignity and grace.
- Treat all members of the team, parents, athletes, and coaches with respect.

I understand that negative behavior on my part toward other members of the team, the coaches, or game officials may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal from the team.

This agreement sets the expectations for athletes, coaches, parents, and guest of athletes. Good sportsmanship towards teammates, coaches, opponents, officials, and fans is essential to our program goals. This agreement benefits all who have earned the privilege of representing the Rams team spirit and upholding this agreement will make the season more enjoyable for all. If you agree to these expectations, please sign below.