

Everett Girls Softball League

Standing Rules

Approved by the
Everett Girls' Softball League Board of Directors
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RULES OF PLAY ARTICLE I OFFICIAL PLAYING RULES

Games played within the confines of the EGSL will be played in accordance with the Official Rules of Softball (Fast Pitch) as adopted by USA Softball except as modified by the EGSL Rules of Play.

ARTICLE II MAJOR AND MINOR LEAGUE

The following rules apply to both the minor and major league.

1. **Incomplete called games:** When the umpire calls the game prior to the completion of the 3rd inning, the elapsed game time should be agreed upon by both team coaches and the umpire. Both the current score and elapsed time need to be reported to the league commissioner or league coordinator within 24 hours. Both coaches should keep exact records of baserunners, outs, count, pitcher etc... as the game will be completed from the exact place the game was called.
2. **Playing time:** Each player must play two (2) defensive innings within the first 4 innings of the game.
3. **Required regular season participation:** a player must appear in 25% of regular season games to be eligible for playoffs.
4. **Insufficient Players:** Failure to field 8 players within 15 minutes after the scheduled start of the game will constitute forfeiture of the game.
5. **Forfeit Score:** Will be 7-0 per USA Softball rules for postseason tiebreaker and seeding purposes.
6. **Base Coaches:** May be either adults or players (players must wear a helmet).
7. **Coaches:** No more than 1 Head Coach, 2 Assistant Coaches and a Team Manager/Scorekeeper are allowed on the field or in the dugout for games.
8. **Mouth guards:** All fielders, not wearing a protective face mask, must wear mouth guards.
9. **Jewelry/Hair:** Jewelry cannot be worn on the field at any time, with the exception of starter earrings, which must be covered by tape. Hair must be tied back.
10. **Pitcher's Plate:** Measuring from the tip of home plate, the pitcher's plate will be placed **43 feet away for majors; 35 feet away for minors.**
11. **Warm-up Pitches:** Pitchers are allowed 3 warm up pitches between innings and 5 for a pitching change. Coaches **must** warm up the pitcher between innings if the catcher is not

ready. An umpire may reduce the number of warm up pitches if the catcher or a coach does not immediately begin to warm up the pitcher.

12. **Pitcher:** If a pitcher is removed, the pitcher may not return to pitch in the same inning.
13. **Conferences:** A coach may have one conference with a pitcher per inning. A second conference with same pitcher in same inning requires the coach to replace the pitcher.
14. **Protective Face Masks:** Pitchers are required to wear protective face masks whenever they are in the pitcher's circle in practice, in a game or any time they are playing the position of pitcher. First base and Third base are strongly recommended but not required.
15. **Batting order:** All teams will use a continuous batting order. **Late arrivals** will be inserted at the end of the lineup submitted pre-game up until 30 minutes after start time. After that, the player may not play. No out penalties.
16. **Batting Helmet:** All batters and base runners must wear helmets with face cages.
17. **10th Batter:** After the normal course of events of the tenth batter's turn, the offensive team's inning ends. Waived 7th inning and on.
18. **Batting out of Order/Injuries:** All eligible players must be included in the batting line-up, and they must bat in the order listed in the official scorebook. *If an injured player who is taken out of the game can no longer bat, the batting position is passed over and **no** out is recorded.* The coach must notify the umpire, opposing coach, and scorekeeper that a player is being skipped before a pitch is thrown to the next batter in the line-up; otherwise, the USA Softball rule on batting out of order will be enforced by the umpire which will result in an automatic out.
19. **Bunting:** Bunting is allowed. Fake bunting is also allowed.
20. **Thrown bats:** Players will be warned for throwing bats, second offense by the same player will result in an automatic out.
21. **Six + Run (per inning) Rule:** An inning will be ended early if a team scores six runs **before three outs are made**. The play on which the sixth run scores will end at its normal conclusion. {Effect, if more than 6 runs are scored in the inning they all count.} The six-run rule is lifted in the 7th inning.
22. **10 + Run after 5:** A regulation "Ten-run-rule" game shall be declared by the umpire if one team is ahead ten or more runs after five or more equal innings. Complete innings must be played unless the home team reaches the ten-run lead while at bat in the last inning. Any hit that results in a ten-run lead by the home team (after 4½ innings) is treated as a game-ending hit. Whenever the visiting team reaches the limit in the fifth or any inning thereafter, the home team must have its opportunity to bat in the bottom half of the inning.
23. **Courtesy Runners:** A player who is injured while running the bases can be substituted with the player who made the last out, without penalty. If a coach elects to let an otherwise injured player bat and that player reaches base safely, the opposing coach must agree to allow a courtesy runner before a substitution can take place.
24. **Speed Up Rule:** Coaches are expected to keep the game moving quickly. To minimize down time between innings, catchers should put on their equipment before the last out is recorded. Coaches are strongly encouraged to pull their catcher from a base when there are two outs so she can put on her equipment. The last player to make an out will be the substitute runner.
25. **Fielders:** A maximum of 10 fielders are allowed. 4 players must be outfielders and must be positioned on the outfield grass and may not make a forced out by stepping on a base.
26. **Stealing:** Players may steal on the release of the pitch.

MINOR LEAGUE ONLY – The following rules apply to the minor league only

27. **Time limit:** 7 innings or no new inning may begin after 1 hour and 30 minutes, whichever occurs first. The game will be considered an official game if 3 innings are completed prior to the game being called by the umpire (i.e. inclement weather).
28. **Ball Size:** An 11” ball will be used in minors
29. **Infield Fly:** NOT in effect
30. **Pitcher’s Plate:** Measuring from the tip of home plate, the pitcher’s plate will be placed 35 feet away for minors.
31. **Pitcher:** May not pitch more than a total of four (4) complete innings or 12 outs.
32. **Pitching:** (regular season only) The pitcher begins pitching for each at bat. After the 4th ball of each at bat, the offensive coach will finish pitching to that batter. The pitch count will remain. Pitcher stays and plays the pitcher position to field the ball. Coach cannot field the ball. The player’s turn at bat will end with either a strike out or batted ball. A player cannot be walked when a coach pitches.
33. **Overthrows:** Runners may not advance more than one base on an overthrown ball from the catcher.
34. **Stealing:** Runners may attempt to steal 2nd and 3rd base (not home) after the ball passes home plate or on an overthrown return throw to the Pitcher (1 base only). If a base runner leaves a base early, it is an automatic out. Runners on 3rd base cannot steal home and may not come off the base to bait the catcher to throw to third. Runners may not steal when the pitcher has control of the ball and is within the pitching circle. The pitching circle is an 8’ circle assumed around the pitcher’s plate which is positioned 38’ from home plate in the Minor League.

MAJOR LEAGUE ONLY – The following rules apply to the major league only

35. **Time limit:** 7 innings or no new inning may begin after 1 hour and 45 minutes, whichever occurs first. The game will be considered an official game if 3 innings are completed prior to the game being called by the umpire (i.e. inclement weather). Major League Play-Off and Championship Games will go to seven innings. Extra innings will follow USA softball tie-breaker rule.
36. **Pitcher’s Plate:** Measuring from the tip of home plate, the pitcher’s plate will be placed 43 feet away

**ARTICLE III
FARM LEAGUE**

1. **Game length** – 1 hour
2. **Running bases** – Runners may not advance beyond the base to which they were running when a throw from a fielder enters the infield.
3. **Overthrows** – Runners may not advance on an overthrown ball from a fielder.
4. **Stealing** – Stealing is not allowed. Runners must stay on base until ball is batted.
5. **Defense** - All players may play defense
6. **Balls** – 11” RIF (reduced injury factor) or Incrediball regulation softballs are used and required.

**LEAGUE RULES
ARTICLE I
REGISTRATION FEE, PLAYER, PARENT & COACHES CONTRACTS**

1. All girls playing within the confines of the Everett Girls Softball League must sign a player contract and pay the required registration fee or obtain a scholarship prior to playing in any scheduled game(s). Player registrations are valid for one year only.
2. Parent or guardian will either physically or electronically sign an EGSL registration form acknowledging membership responsibilities. Parents are also responsible for signing the USA Softball code of conduct.
3. All members of the coaching staff will sign a Coaches Code of Ethics and agree to follow the Standing Rules and Bylaws of EGSL.

ARTICLE II COACHES and TEAM MANAGERS

Section 1. Assignment and Term

- A. Each Coach and Manager will be reviewed and receive majority approval by the Board of Directors on an annual basis before returning to coach in the EGSL.
- B. All coaching staff and team managers are required to have a police background check (CORI) completed.
- C. All coaches and team managers are required to sign the Coaches Code of Ethics which serves as a contract and agreement to adhere to all rules and requirements set forth in these Standing Rules and in the EGSL Bylaws.
- D. Coaching assignment terms are for the current playing season only.

Section 2. Coaching Staff Duties

- A. Responsible for coordinating the day-to-day activities of the team during the playing season.
- B. Participate in the player assessment and draft (Major and Minor League only) as it relates to player assignment.
- C. Responsible for running and organizing practices.
- D. Develop player's abilities and teach them fair play.
- E. Attend all league meetings.
- F. Know and uphold USA Softball and League Rules.
- G. Advise team players and parents about rules.
- H. Distribute Association and League material to players and parents.
- I. Responsible for the preparation of a batting/fielding roster prior to the start of each game.
- J. Compile and maintain accurate scorebooks and report scores to a league coordinator.
- K. Responsible for the language and conduct of their team's players and spectators.
- L. Responsible for the issuance and return of all equipment on a timely basis and in reasonable condition.
- M. Specific duties may be added as needed by the President with 2/3 majority approval from the board

Section 3. Coaching Staff Conduct

- A. EGSL Coaches and Managers are accountable for their behavior while engaged in any activity involving EGSL players. Unacceptable behavior includes, but is not limited to, smoking on the field, use of illegal drugs or drinking alcohol in the players' presence, swearing, uncontrolled temper, inappropriate contact with the players, and rude treatment of parents, other coaches, and/or umpires.

- B. Coaching staff should be aware, any and all allegations or complaints against them will be impartially investigated fully by league commissioners, the league coordinator and/or the Executive Board.
- C. Coaching staff will not use the EGSL to recruit players to other softball leagues or promote business not related to EGSL.

Section 4. Removal

- A. Complaints concerning a coach's/manager's alleged unacceptable behavior, lack of coaching or teaching ability, demeanor, attendance, etc., will be monitored and/or investigated by the League Commissioner and League Coordinator who may recommend to the Board that the individual be removed, pursuant to ARTICLE III Section 4 of the By-laws.
- B. A coach/manager considered for removal will be given the opportunity to present witnesses on their behalf before the Board votes on the recommendation for removal. A 2/3rd vote of the entire Board of Directors is required for removal.

**ARTICLE III
PLAYER ASSESSMENT, DRAFT AND ASSIGNMENT**

Section 1. Player Review Board

The Player Review Board further addressed as the (PRB) shall consist of the League President, League Vice-President, League Coordinator, Major League Coordinator, and Minor League Coordinator to certify that players who have participated in assessments have the fundamental playing skills required, to be drafted by and play on a major league division team. The list of Major League Division draft eligible players will be shared openly with head coaches and hard copies provided for the draft as needed. The Board of Directors may appoint substitute(s) to serve on the PRB in the event of absence by any of the named league officials.

Section 2. Waiver of Age Requirement

- A. A parent with a child at the maximum age requirement in the Farm League or Minor League may request a waiver to have their child moved or retained. The playing year as defined for the Everett Girls Softball League in conjunction with USA Softball is January 1 through December 31.
 - 1. Parents must complete and submit a waiver request that explains the reason for requesting that their child play up/or down.
 - 2. Requests to move up to the Minor League/Farm League must be submitted by April 1st.
 - 3. Requests to move up to the Major League must be submitted before the Major League Assessments
 - 4. The Player Review Board will vote to determine whether requests to play up/play down should be considered for the current season. Requests should only be approved when the moving of players will support parity across teams in both the Major and Minor leagues.
 - 5. When approved by the Player Review Board, players requesting to move up to the Major League or stay down in the Minor League will be required to participate in the Player Assessment event.
- B. Compliance with these conditions and requirements shall not be construed as approval to this waiver.
- C. Final approval of the waiver request will be approved or denied by the PRB based on the best interest of the player and league for the current season.
- D. The EGSL Board of Directors reserves the right to deny a waiver.

Section 3. Player Assessment

- A. Required Attendees

1. All 6th – 9th grade players who will be playing in the Major League for the first time, regardless of how many years they played in the Minor League or in other softball leagues.
 2. All 6th grade players, approved by the PRB, who are requesting to stay down in the Minor League.
 3. All 5th grade players, approved by the PRB, who are requesting to move up to the Major League.
 4. All 5th grade players who will be playing on an EGSL team for the first time.
- B. PRB Evaluation and Approval Criteria:
1. All 7th, 8th, and 9th grade players must play in the Major League
 2. 5th and 6th grade players will be evaluated as follows:
 - a. Did the player demonstrate the fundamental playing skills to safely play on a major league division team? If no, place on a minor league team and stop here.
 - b. Has player requested to stay in minors?
 - i. If no, add player to major league draft and stop here.
 - ii. If yes, will keeping the player in minors create an unfair advantage (player is significantly more skilled, team already has a lot of skilled 5th/6th graders, etc.). If YES, allow the player to stay in the minor league but place on a different team as approved by a 2/3rd majority vote of the Board of Directors to ensure parity. If it is not possible to ensure parity among teams, add the player to the major league draft.
- C. The EGSL Board reserves the right to make exceptions based on special needs of a player.

Section 3. Player Draft and Assignment

- A. **Draft:** After assessments, coaches will draft players to their rosters. If a player does not attend player assessment, she will be placed in a blind draft to be conducted following the open draft. The open draft will be conducted as follows:
1. Teams will draft in reverse order of finish from the previous spring season.
 2. All coaches who are to draft one or more players must receive a first-round pick.
 3. Teams may protect the family member(s) of one coach. Should a team have multiple coaches with players in the draft, they must receive EGSL Board approval to protect any additional players. The EGSL board must be notified of coaches with a protected family member prior to the Major League assessments. There is no limit on protecting the siblings of a returning team player.
 4. The draft order of protected players, such as a coach's family member or the younger sibling of a returning team player, will be determined by the PRB and reviewed with the coaches prior to the start of the draft.
 5. Protected players will be listed in the draft order and assigned to her family member's team when that round of the draft is up for selection. That team in that round can make no other player selection.
 6. After the third round, the drafting order shall continue in a snake draft format.
 7. All trades must be done at the Draft and may only include players in the draft pool.
 8. A player refusing to play on the team they are drafted to may not play for another team in the league unless traded at the Draft for another player in the draft pool.
 9. Once drafted to a team, a player cannot change teams during the season or future seasons.
1. The EGSL Board may amend rules of the Draft to accommodate new teams in the League, create parity among all teams, or to accommodate exceptional circumstances of the current season. All amendments will require a 2/3 majority vote by the EGSL Board.
- B. **Assignment Exceptions:**
2. **6th graders** requesting to be retained in minors may be moved to a new team.

3. **Change request:** A parent or guardian may request that their child be placed on a different team prior to the Major league assessments or April 1st, whichever occurs first. This includes players who are the designated family member of a parent/guardian/coach who decides to coach a different team. A 2/3rd majority approval from the EGSL Board is required.
4. **New teams** may be allowed to pick an unprotected player from existing teams as determined by the EGSL Board.
5. The EGSL Board may amend rules of the Assignments to accommodate new teams in the League, create parity among all teams, or to accommodate exceptional circumstances of the current season. All amendments will require a 2/3 majority vote by the EGSL Board.

ARTICLE IV TEAM ROSTERS

Each Head Coach will certify and verify their official team roster with the League Coordinator and/or President at the close of the official draft.

ARTICLE V PLAYING SEASON

The playing season for EGSL will be established by the Board of Directors who shall affix a start date from year to year.

ARTICLE VI UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

1. **Team Equipment:** will be distributed to team coaches by the Fields and Equipment Director. Equipment shall be returned immediately, at the end of their team's last game of the season play.
2. **Bats** per USA Softball Rule 3-1 Players are required to use **only** official bats, Certified/Approved by USA Softball and bearing the USA Softball stamp. NO BASEBALL BATS
3. **Catcher Gear:** The catcher must wear a chest protector, mask, catcher's helmet, throat guard, and shin guards.
4. **Game Balls:** The official game ball for Minor and Major divisions shall be an approved optic yellow or white ball. A new game ball is provided to the home team from the concession stand before each game and the visiting team will furnish a back-up game ball that is acceptable to the umpire.
5. **First Aid Kits:** each team shall have a full first aid kit in possession at all times.
6. **Uniforms:** Players will be provided and are expected to wear EGSL uniforms during the game. Coaches can bench any player who repeatedly fails to wear her uniform to a game. In cold weather, a long sleeve undershirt or sweatshirt provided by EGSL must be worn with the uniform. Jackets will not be allowed to be worn over the uniform. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of, and with agreement of, coaches and umpire(s).
7. **Gloves:** All defensive players in the field must have the appropriate softball glove.
8. **Shoes:** Steel spike or street shoes are not permitted for practice or for league games. Players are encouraged to wear softball cleats or other appropriate athletic footwear.

ARTICLE VII PLAYER ATTENDANCE AND INJURIES

1. **Attendance:** Any player who fails to attend a scheduled practice or game without advising the coach, may at the discretion of the coach be benched at the next game. All players are expected to report to the field thirty (30) minutes prior to games and ten (10) minutes before practice.
2. **Casts:** Players may not play while wearing casts.
3. **Blood Rule:** The USA Softball blood rule is enforced. A player with any visible blood on herself or her uniform will not be permitted to play until the bleeding is stopped and any visible blood is covered with bandages or tape.
4. **Known Injuries:** Any player who received an injury requiring medical attention must provide a written note from the doctor to return to play.

ARTICLE VIII GAME DAY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. **Home Team:** The home team shall occupy the third base dugout.
2. **Bases and Game Balls:** Home teams are required to retrieve game ball(s) and bases from the hut, put out bases prior to the start of the game, and return bases to the hut after the game. Pitchers plates shall be placed at the approved distance under the supervision of home plate umpire.
3. **Team Equipment:** All equipment must remain in the dugout area during the course of the game. Coaches are responsible for insuring that bats are not left in the playing area after a batter's turn at the plate.
4. **Pre-Game Practice Time:** Practice time before games will be shared equally between teams.
5. **Pre-Game Conference:** Immediately prior to the start of the game coaches and umpires will review out of play areas, clarify ground rules, trade lineups and inform each other of any player health issues or players with special needs or requirements.
6. **Coaches on Field:** The offensive team (at bat) is allowed to have base coaches at 1st and 3rd bases. The defensive team (in the field) must not have any coaches in the playing area.
7. **People Permitted in the Dugout Area & Playing Field:**
 - a. During EGSL games, only a teams' players, registered head coach, assistant coaches, and team manager/scorekeeper (max of 4) are allowed in the dugout area.
 - b. Except for the defensive team, the batter, baserunner(s), player on deck, and base coaches, all other players and coaches must remain in their team's dugout. This is a liability issue.
 - c. Coaches are responsible for who is in the dugout and on the playing field from when the team reports to warm ups until the game's conclusion.
 - d. Family and friends are not allowed in the dugout or on the field. Players must remain in the dugout area or playing field and will not be allowed in the spectator area until the game is over.
 - e. The only exceptions are backup pitching warm ups cleared by umpire, medical issues, or bathroom visits. A coach may, at their own discretion, allow one child or sibling who is insured by EGSL to be in the dugout as a batgirl or helper during games.
8. **Post-Game/Practice Grounds keeping:** Each team is responsible for picking up litter around each bench and dugout after each game and/or practice.
9. **Food:** Players are not permitted to eat food in the dugout area or playing field during the game or pre-game warmups. Exceptions may be approved by coaches, such as seeds and chewing gum. Snacks for people with medical conditions, water and sports drinks are always allowed.

ARTICLE IX GAME CANCELLATION PROCEDURE

All games will be played unless canceled by a League Coordinator or by the League President.

- A. League coordinator will establish a notification procedure to inform the league's coaches when a game will be canceled due to inclement weather.
- B. Cancellation prior to game time – The President (or their designated representative) is the only individual authorized to cancel a game prior to game time due to unfit weather or field conditions.
- C. Cancellation after game time – the home plate umpire is the only individual authorized to stop a game after it has begun.
- D. League Coordinator will notify the Umpire in Chief as soon as the/ she knows a game will be canceled. The Umpire in Chief will notify the game's umpires.

ARTICLE X UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT

Section 1. Code of Conduct

All players, parents, and coaches must promote an atmosphere of fun, fellowship, sportsmanship, fair play, and satisfaction and adhere to these high standards of conduct.

Section 2. Violations of Code of Conduct

The following actions are considered, but not limited to be a violation of the code of conduct:

- A. Punching, shoving, or otherwise physically attacking anyone.
- B. Making an abusive verbal attack.
- C. Baiting an umpire.
- D. Expressing disagreement with an umpire's decision in an offensive or unsportsmanlike way.
- E. Refusing to abide by an umpire's decision.
- F. Purposely disobeying or circumventing rules or their intent.
- G. Using tobacco, drugs, or alcohol in violation of League Rules.

Section 3. Penalties for Violations of the Code of Conduct

The following actions will be considered if a violation of the code of conduct occurs:

- A. Any player, coach, or manager who violates the code of conduct will receive an official warning in writing from the Board of Directors stating that they will be placed on probation and monitored very closely. If a second violation occurs during the probation, the player, coach, or manager will be suspended for the remainder of the season.
- B. Unsportsmanlike conduct by a family member or spectator will subject that individual to ejection from the playing area. A person ejected from the field cannot remain at or near the ball field. If an ejected person fails to leave the area, the team the person is associated with will either forfeit the game or disciplinary action will be taken against the player associated with this person causing the unruly behavior. Teams are responsible for the conduct of their spectators. Failure to attempt to control disruptive spectators may result in forfeiture.

ARTICLE XI PROTESTS

Section 1. Types of Protests

Decisions based on an umpire's judgment call may not be protested. However, Head Coaches may protest when they believe that an umpire's ruling conflicts with official softball rules or with these league rules.

Section 2. Protest Requirements

For a protest to be considered, the Head Coach must:

- A. Bring it to the attention of the umpire and the opposing coach at the time of the perceived infraction.
- B. If, after bringing it to the attention of the umpire, the Head Coach believes that the game results still have been adversely affected by this perceived infraction, then the coach may submit a written protest to the League Commissioner within 24 hours that describes:
 1. the date, time and place of game
 2. the teams involved
 3. the rule and section of the official rules or league rules which have been violated
 4. all essential facts relevant to the matter being protested

Note: League Commissioner's may not review protests if it would present a clear conflict of interest (e.g., the League Commissioner is a coach with a vested interest in the outcome). If a conflict of interest is posed, then the EGSL League Coordinator will rule on the protest.

Section 3. Protest Results

As soon as possible, the Commissioner or League Coordinator shall consider each protest and decide whether to uphold or deny it. *The Commissioner or League Coordinator's decision is final and is not subject to appeal or review.* If the Commissioner or League Coordinator upholds the protest, one of the following will happen:

- A. The game may be replayed from the beginning.
- B. The game may be replayed from the point of the protest.
- C. The game may be ended at the point of the protest.
- D. The game may be forfeited.

ARTICLE XII SEASON STANDINGS AND POST SEASON PLAY

Section 1. Ties

If two or more teams are tied, team standings will be determined first by

- A. Comparing the head to head record
- B. If the tie is not broken, the team with the highest runs for shall be used.
- C. If the tie is not broken, the team with the highest runs against shall be used.
- D. If this procedure does not break the tie, a coin toss shall determine the ranking of the teams.

Section 2. Playoff Format

- A. EGSL playoffs will follow a double elimination tournament format.
- B. The Board from time to time may amend the format of playoffs as needed based on the number of teams in the leagues.

Section 3. Standing league playoff rules:

- A. The championship game(s) in each division will require 2 umpires.
- B. Playoff seeding and round results will be publicly displayed for easy reference by all membership.
- C. If a game is tied, the international tiebreaker rule will be put into effect in the next inning after the time limit has expired
- D. All rules and codes of conduct will be rigorously enforced. Baiting, taunting, arguing calls and disorderly conduct will not be tolerated.

ARTICLE XII CODES OF CONDUCT/ETHICS

On the follow pages are examples of the parent, athlete, and coaches code of conduct. A code of conduct is expected to be signed by each player, coach, and parent/guardian who is participating in EGSL. The Codes of conduct also apply to the Board of Directors of EGSL. Code of Conduct may be updated at the discretion of the board.

The Codes of Conduct/Ethics can be summarized in the following three principles: (1) Demonstrating a positive attitude; (2) Setting a good example; and (3) Maintaining good relationships with all youth softball participants - including officials, opponents, and our own team's players, parents, and coaches.

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

The Code of Conduct can be summarized into the following three principles: (1) Demonstrating a positive attitude; (2) Setting a good example; and (3) Maintaining good relationships with all softball participants - including officials, opponents, and our own team's players, parents, and coaches. I understand that my responsibilities as a youth coach are of great importance and that my actions have the potential to significantly influence the youth athletes I coach. **Therefore, I promise to uphold the following rights of young athletes to the best of my ability:**

- I. Right to have fun in sports.
- II. Right to participate in sports.
- III. Right to participate at a level commensurate with each child's maturity and ability.
- IV. Right to have qualified adult leadership.
- V. Right to play as a child and not as an adult.
- VI. Right of children to share in the leadership and decision-making of their sport participation.
- VII. Right to participate in safe and healthy environments.
- VIII. Right to proper preparation for participation in sports.
- IX. Right to an equal opportunity to strive for success.
- X. Right to be treated with dignity.

I also promise to conduct myself in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Coaches as given next:

1. I will treat each athlete, opposing coach, official, parent, and administrator with respect and dignity.
2. I will learn the strengths and weaknesses of my athletes so that I might place them in situations where they have a maximum opportunity to achieve success.
3. I will conduct my practices and games so that all athletes have an opportunity to improve their skill level through active participation.
4. I will remember the focus is not on winning at all costs, but to coach players to compete well, play their best, improve their skills, and win within the rules.
5. I will protect the health and safety of my athletes by insisting that all of the activities under my control are conducted.
6. I will do my best to learn the fundamental skills, teaching and evaluation techniques and strategies of my sport and become thoroughly familiar with the rules of my sport.
7. I will become familiar with the objectives of the youth sport program with which I am affiliated.
8. I will communicate to my athletes and their parents the rights and responsibilities of individuals on our team.
9. I will uphold the authority of officials who are assigned to the contests in which I coach, and I will assist them in every way to conduct fair and impartial competitive contests.
10. I will cooperate with the administration of our organization in the enforcement of rules and regulations. I will report any irregularities that violate sound competitive practices. I will not use the EGSL to scout players to other leagues.
11. I will not tolerate any form of abuse of children, be it physical, verbal, emotional, ethical or sexual and will immediately report any such abuse to the proper authorities.

With my signature, I voluntarily affix to this pledge, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and will do my best to fulfill the promises made herein.

Coaches Name (Print)

Signature

Date

Parent Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics Pledge.

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.
2. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
3. I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment. I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
4. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
5. I will remember that the game is for youth – not for adults. I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.
6. I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
7. I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, and such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.
8. I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches' Code of Ethics.

EGSL Mandated

I will ensure that my player, myself, and all friends and family attending Everett Girls' Softball games, practices, or other events will follow all COVID mitigation guidelines as set forth by the state of Massachusetts, the City of Everett, and the Everett Girls' Softball League. These guidelines include, but are not limited to, staying home when symptomatic or having a positive test, maintaining 6 feet of distance, and wearing face coverings when distancing is not possible. I understand that failure to comply with these guidelines may result in being asked to leave or having my player removed from the practice, game, or other event.

Player's Name: _____

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Player's Name (Print)	Signature	Date
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Parent/Guardian Name (Print)	Signature	Date

Player Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct can be summarized into the following three principles: (1) Demonstrating a positive attitude; (2) Setting a good example; and (3) Maintaining good relationships with all softball participants - including officials, opponents, and our own team's players, parents, and coaches. By signing this code of conduct, I acknowledge and agree to the principles set by EGSL:

It is a privilege to play softball for Everett Girls' Softball. As an EGSL player, I will:

1. Play the game for the enjoyment of the game, and not just to please my parents or coach.
2. Be modest and generous when I win and gracious when I lose.
3. Respect the game of softball and its rules, learn these rules and try to follow them, and play the game fairly.
4. Work for the good of my team and give my best effort at all times.
5. Conduct myself with honor and dignity and treat other players as I would like to be treated.
6. Promote the healthy well-being of the team by creating a positive environment, using constructive words, and encouraging my teammates.
7. Show good sportsmanship before, during, and after games. I understand that softball is a game, and that the players on the other team are my opponents, not my enemies.
8. Show respect for the authority of the referee, even though I will sometimes disagree with their calls.
9. Help my parents and fans understand the rules of the game so that they can enjoy watching the game more.
10. Control my temper, actions, and frustration, even if I feel I have been wronged.
11. Not degrade or harass any other player, coach or parent in person or on social media
12. Not use or possess tobacco, alcohol, or illegal or performance-enhancing drugs.

Player's Name (Print)

Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (Print)

Signature

Date