

**EAST VALLEY SOFTBALL LEAGUE**  
**Zero Tolerance Policy & Code of Conduct**

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East Valley Softball League's goals are to reduce and eliminate violence in our program, promote positive behavior among players, coaches, managers and spectators and to create a fun and enjoyable atmosphere for the players.

As a parent of a child playing in East Valley Softball, I agree to the following "Expectation of Conduct" at EVSL games, practices and all other EVSL related activities:

- 1) I will respect league officials, fans, coaches, umpires and players
- 2) I will respect decisions made by league officials
- 3) I will not interfere in any way with the playing of the game
- 4) I will positively support teams in every way possible
- 5) I will refrain from profanity or display anger that draws attention away from the game
- 6) I will not demean, intimidate, verbally abuse or threaten any child, coach, umpire or league official
- 7) I will not confront, argue with or threaten any coach, umpire or league official
- 8) I will treat competition as a game and keep winning in its proper place
- 9) I will not criticize officials in any way or show displays of anger with an official's call
- 10) I will encourage my child to display good sportsmanship, fair play and appropriate behavior at all times
- 11) I will support the rules and regulations of East Valley Softball League
- 12) I will conduct myself appropriately at all East Valley Softball League games, practices and activities
- 13) I will not bring alcoholic beverages on or near the EVSL playing fields, parking lot or to any other Softball playing fields/parks.

**IF YOU HAVE READ AND UNDERSTOOD ITEMS 1-13 ABOVE, PLEASE INITIAL HERE \_\_\_\_\_**

The focus of this policy is on behavior. For the purpose of this policy, violence includes, but is not limited to, the following behaviors:

- 1) Verbal assaults
- 2) Threats and attempts to intimidate
- 3) Throwing articles in a deliberate or aggressive manner
- 4) Aggressive approaches to another individual
- 5) Attempted or physical striking of another individual
- 6) Attempts to goad or incite violence in others
- 7) Vandalism to building or property
- 8) Racial or ethnic slurs
- 9) Use of profanity

Any person that commits an offense will be banned from East Valley Softball League events for the remainder of that season. His/her Child(ren) may also be removed from EVSL for the remainder of that season, subject to a review and determination by the EVSL Board Of Directors. I further understand that it is an expectation that my child will exhibit exemplary behavior both on and off the field of play and will emphasize good sportsmanship throughout the season.

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### Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct is intended to establish a positive framework for all activities of EVSL players and their families both on and off the playing field. It applies at all EVSL fields and those of other leagues. Although EVSL realizes that a sense of discipline and respect for rules cannot be instilled in a few hours each week, this code is established and will be enforced in the hope that a more enjoyable atmosphere will result for all those involved.

Managers and umpires will handle all situations on the playing field in a respectful manner.

### **PLAYERS**

1. Players will not throw or in any other way abuse equipment on the playing field.
2. Players will not use abusive language directed at other players, coaches, or umpires.
3. Players will not argue or protest excessively ball/strike, fair/foul, or out/safe calls by the umpires. One warning will be issued to both player and manager.
4. Players will remain in the dugout at all times unless given permission by the manager or coach to leave.
  - a. To go to the restroom
  - b. To warm up to enter the game
5. Only drinks for the Players will be allowed in the dugout.
6. **No tobacco products of any kind, alcohol or drugs are permitted in the dugout or on the playing field during practice or games. No alcohol or drug use is allowed in ESVL/Ocala Fields or any other Softball affiliated parks/ leagues that EVSL attends throughout the season.**

### **MANAGERS AND COACHES**

1. Managers and Coaches will not use abusive language directed at other players, coaches, or umpires.
2. Managers and Coaches will not argue or protest excessively ball/strike, fair/foul, or out/safe calls.
3. Managers and Coaches will remain in the dugout at all times when their team is in the field unless time has been granted by one of the umpires. The first or third base coach of the team at bat may not approach an umpire unless time has been called. The umpire has the right not to call time, if he/she desires.
4. Managers and Coaches will see that players remain in the dugout during the game, except to go to the restroom (only if absolutely necessary) or to warm up to enter the game.
5. All player injuries must be written on an Accident Report Form. If a player needs ice to put on an injury than an Accident Report Form must be completed. Managers, should have in their folders.
6. **No tobacco products of any kind, alcohol or drugs are permitted in the dugout or on the playing field during practice or games. No alcohol or drug use is allowed in ESVL/Ocala Fields or any other Softball affiliated parks/ leagues that EVSL attends throughout the season.**

### **PARENTS & SPECTATORS**

1. **No tobacco products of any kind, alcohol or drugs are permitted in the dugout or on the playing field during practice or games. No alcohol or drug use is allowed in ESVL/Ocala Fields or any other Softball affiliated parks/ leagues that EVSL attends throughout the season.**
2. Abusive language directed at players, managers, coaches, umpires or other spectators will not be tolerated.

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3. No one other than an official scorer and the scoreboard operator will be allowed behind the backstop behind home plate.
4. The umpires have the authority to have anyone removed from the complex for conduct that is not consistent with the objectives of the league. If the conduct continues after a warning is given (a warning is NOT required), the umpires have the authority to suspend play or to call the game a forfeit, if necessary.

**COMPLAINTS & COMMENTS**

On field incidents will be handled through the managers and game umpires to the Vice President of Umpires and if necessary, to the Board of Directors. Team and league related issues go through the manager or the President. Any off field issues may be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors via email. Comments and suggestions are always welcome!

All complaints/comments must be via email. All issues will be reviewed and responded to.

**AT NO TIME WILL PROBLEMS AND/OR COMPLAINTS BE DISCUSSED OPENLY AT THE PLAYING FIELD IN FRONT OF OUR PLAYERS!**

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**By signing this document, I have read and agree to the terms expressed above and I will, along with all family members, relatives and friends who attend EVSL related activities, be accountable for my/our actions.**

Player(s) Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_