

# STMA KNIGHTS FASTPITCH

The purpose of this code is to establish guidelines and expectations for all who are involved in our league. This code extends beyond the players; it includes coaches, parents and guests who attend practices, games and official functions.

STMAGFA is passionate about providing a positive and rewarding experience for our members, coaches, families, opponents and umpires. Our mission is to provide a safe and fun environment for girls' softball while promoting teamwork, sportsmanship, safety and instruction of superior quality and value. Core to this mission is ensuring the coaches and parents/guardians are held to the same standards of courtesy, fairness, respect and responsibility that we require of the players. We must lead by example if we are to expect the players to represent themselves, their families, their team and the league in ways in which we can all be proud.

## **Player Code of Conduct**

1. I will represent myself, my family, my team, and STMAGFA with dignity, honesty, and integrity at all times.
2. I will play with pride and intensity no matter the circumstances of the game and will always encourage my teammates to do the same.
3. I will support my teammates and maintain a positive attitude at all times.
4. I will be courteous and respectful to my teammates, coaches, volunteers and game officials.
5. I will not argue with game officials for any reason.
6. I will refrain from outbursts of anger, temper, and poor sportsmanship.
7. I will never direct negative or critical cheers or comments toward anyone.
8. I will not use vulgar or offensive language or gestures, regardless of the circumstances.
9. I will not become hostile, nor will I resort to violence towards anyone.
10. I will not use physical or verbal intimidation towards anyone.
11. I will be properly and appropriately attired for participation on the field.
12. I will be responsible for my own equipment as well as team equipment.
13. I will do no harm to any facilities or fields, and I will not intentionally damage team equipment.
14. I will not post inappropriate or negative comments on ANY social media outlet about my teammates, coaches or opponents.

## Consequences for Non-Compliance to Player Contract:

If a player does not, cannot or will not comply with the guidelines of above stated contract or team rules specified by the head coach, the head coach may:

- A. Bench Player
- B. Reduce playing time

Or, if a player contract is consistently ignored, STMA Girls Fastpitch Board may:

- A. Remove a player from the team for the remainder of the season.
- B. Review player's status for future seasons.

I have read, or have had read to me, the above contract and understand the guidelines and consequences as stated.