

## WCGSL PARENT/SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

### **OBJECTIVE:**

The goal of the Washington County Girls Softball League is to ensure that its players, coaches, parents, and officials maintain the highest standard of sportsmanship and ethical behavior at all times. To achieve this goal, a Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Board of Directors of the League.

### **AS A PARENT OR SPECTATOR:**

- Notify the coach ahead of time if your child will not make a practice or game.
- As needed, assist the coach with field maintenance before and after games and practices.
- Show appreciation, respect, and good sportsmanship towards your team's opponents. Without them, there would be no game.
- Resist shouting out instructions or coaching from the stands. That is the coach's job and can be distracting and confusing to the players.
- Leave the umpires out of it. They do not care who wins. Any mistakes are honest ones, and your children need to know that you believe this. Being an umpire is a difficult job, please respect this.
- **Remember - It is a game played and enjoyed by kids.**
- Maintain self-control. Refrain from disrespectful conduct of any sort, including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks, taunting, or other actions that demean any individual.
- Condemn the use or threat of violence in any form whether in the form of verbal or physical violence.
- Absolutely no use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is permitted nor will it be tolerated at any game. **SMOKING, VAPING, AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN KEMP'S MILL PARK**

**The Board of Directors of WCGSL has adopted a "ZERO TOLERANCE" stance on these points.**

### **WARNINGS AND EJECTIONS:**

- The following behavior may result in an ejection from the premises with the game being suspended and/or forfeited unless the violator ceases his or her conduct or leaves the premises following an ejection:
- Any spectator engaged in profane or rude speech, gestures, or actions towards an umpire, coach, or player of either team or fellow spectator(s).
- The use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs on the premises.
- Any actions and/or comments deemed inappropriate or that do not promote good sportsmanship.
- A spectator may be ejected and asked to leave premises by the umpire, WCGSL Coach, or any member of the Board of Directors of WCGSL.
- Threats of violence, either verbal or physical, will not be tolerated and will be handled by law enforcement.