



Code of Conduct, Social Media, Texting, Group Messaging Policy

By registering to participate in the Murrieta Valley Girls Softball Association (MVGSA), all coaches, parents, spectators, and players shall respect and abide by the standards set forth. To help advance the principals of good sportsmanship and fair play and to promote mutual respect amongst coaches, parents, spectators, players and umpires. This is intended to provide behavioral guidance and establish clear expectations for all involved. This is not conceived to address every possible behavioral circumstance; however, it shall serve as MVGSA's standard for behavioral evaluation. Any person in violation will be subject to administrative action as determined by the MVGSA Conduct Committee, up to and including termination of his/her privilege to participate in, or attend, any or all MVGSA activities.

CODE OF CONDUCT - PLAYERS

The Players shall:

- Display good sportsmanship and team play at all times, on or off the playing field.
- Follow the direction of the Coaching Staff and respect all coaches, players, board members, umpires, parents and spectators.
- Make every attempt to be on time and ready to play for all games and practices.
- Use social media appropriately without the use of negative or derogatory remarks associated with players, coaches, umpires or board members.
- Behave in such a manner that shall bring positive credit to the League and all participants.

The Players shall not:

- Use abusive or profane language.
- Taunt or humiliate any other player.
- Question an umpire's call.
- Abuse, mistreat or mishandle any MVGSA league equipment or property.

CODE OF CONDUCT – PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

Parents and Spectators shall support the players, coaches, umpires and board members. Parents and Spectators shall not "coach" or "officiate" while on the sidelines. Parents and Spectators will do their best to provide the players a positive experience.

Parents and Spectators agree to the following:

- Will be positive role models and display & instill in all players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Will not speak negatively about MVGSA or its coaches, board members, players, minors or volunteers. Any issues or concerns should be addressed with MVGSA Board Members.
- Will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players.
- Will make certain that their children show respect for all other players, coaches, officials and spectators.
- Will not ridicule or demean players, coaches, board members or umpires.
- Will treat all players, board members, spectators, and umpires fairly and with respect.
- Will not question an umpire's call.
- Will respect the opponent and avoid any confrontation with opposing players,
- Will remember that coaches/board members are volunteering their time.
- Will use social media appropriately without the use of negative or derogatory remarks associated with players, coaches, umpires or board members.
- Will be drug free and not allowed to drink alcoholic beverages or use tobacco products on the field, inside or outside of the dugout.



CODE OF CONDUCT - COACHES

Coaches shall remain unconditionally supportive of MVGSA’s commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for others. Likewise, coaches shall remain sensitive to the physical and emotional wellbeing of the players on his/her team. In order to adhere to these doctrines the coaches agree to the following:

- Coaches will abide by the MVGSA Coaches Code of Conduct.
- Coaches will abide by the USA Softball Coaches Code of Ethic Pledge.

SOCIAL MEDIA, TEXTING, GROUP MESSAGING

Applies to all MVGSA affiliates/participants.

1. All Participants
 - a. Protect the privacy of all youth participants unless you have direct written permission from a parent or guardian.
 - b. Do not post inappropriate, derogatory or offensive writing, gestures, photos or videos.
 - c. Do not post personal or sensitive information about any participant including but not limited to Players, Coach, Board Member, USA official, or Umpire.
 - d. Do not “vent” on social media about issues pertaining to the League, its Board members, coaches, participants, USA official, or Umpires.
 - e. Keep messages focused and relevant to the entire team. (Personal or individual issues shall be dealt with privately)
 - f. Any unresolvable issues need to be addressed in writing through the proper channels.
2. Coaches
 - a. Obtain permission to contact minors electronically. Any player related group messaging with adult coaches must have at least one other female adult included.
 - b. Communication with minors must be professional in nature.
 - c. Avoid one on one contact with minors, if necessary, another adult must be included.
 - d. Communications with minors should be kept between the hours of 8am and 8pm.
 - e. Avoid connections with unrelated minors.

I understand that, by signing below, I am acknowledging that I have read and understand and reviewed Murrieta Valley Girls Softball Association’s Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics and Social Media, Texting, Group Messaging Policies with my player/daughter. I understand that all members of Murrieta Valley Girls Softball Association are held to the same standards and rules.

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| Parent/Guardian Name #1 | Parent/Guardian Signature #1 | Date |
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| Parent/Guardian Name #2 | Parent/Guardian Signature #2 | Date |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Player Name | Player Signature | Date |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Head Coach Name | Head Coach Signature | Date |

The MVGSA Executive Board by majority vote reserves the right to not accept a player's/parent's/ family's registration. In the event the registration is denied that registration fee will be refunded.