
POLICY ON ABUSE & MOLESTATION



Sioux Falls Diamonds Softball Club will not tolerate the abuse or molestation of any minor participant in a softball sanctioned activity. It is the policy of Sioux Falls Diamonds Softball Club that there should be no sexual abuse of any minor participant involved in any of its sanctioned programs, its training camps, clinics, coaches clinics, umpire clinics, regional and national tournaments or other Sioux Falls Diamonds Softball Club sanctioned events, by an employee, volunteer, coach, parent, player or independent contractor. A minor is an individual who has not reached the age of consent or has not been emancipated.

- 1. Under no circumstance should a coach or person acting on behalf of the team ever physically touch a player in an inappropriate manner period.**
- 2. No coach or person acting on behalf of the team should every strike a player.**
- 3. Abusive language and or contact in any form are not allowed in the club.**
- 4. No player should approach a coach for physical therapy such as massage therapy for sore muscles.**
- 5. Parents with concerns should communicate with coaches their concerns so they may be addressed. To not talk to a coach about a concern you have is unfair to the coach. What he or she may find appropriate may differ from your view but unless you talk to the coach about the issue it will never be solved. If you as a parent or another coach see something you feel is inappropriate and needs to be communicated to the person in question, if you do not talk to that person then you are part of the problem. If you have a problem confronting that person then review it with another coach. Please don't do nothing. That is destructive and can ruin things for a lot of people.**
- 6. Parents have responsibilities in this issue as much as coaches. Parents please review proper and appropriate contact and communication between players and coaches with your player. Make sure your child understands their coach's position.**
- 7. Coaches or persons acting on behalf of the team should not administer medical or physical advice or therapy. A parent or trained person should be consulted whenever possible. In the event a parent is not available and immediate attention for a serious condition is required everything possible should be done to rectify the situation and keep our player from additional harm.**

I have read and understand the above stated code of conduct set forth by the Sioux Falls Diamonds Softball Club. With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this pledge, I acknowledge that I have read, understand and will act in accordance with the rules as set forth by the Sioux Falls Diamonds Softball Club.

PENALTIES: Immediate ejection and removal from the premises.

Signature: _____ Date: _____