



Sioux Falls Diamonds Fastpitch Softball Club **ZERO Tolerance Policy**

The Sioux Falls Diamonds have a ZERO tolerance stance on unruly acts by its coaches, parents, and players. The actions of one person can negatively affect our entire organization and hurt a child. The safety and well-being of our players is the main focus of our club. With this in mind, by signing this form you are taking a stance against unruly and hateful behavior towards others. We see no reason for anyone in our organization to lose control of their emotions and lash out at anyone be it an umpire, a player, a coach, or fan. If a coach, parent, player from our club is acting in a manner that jeopardizes the safety and well-being of any of our players, that person will be asked to stop, apologize for their actions if needed, and promptly leave the venue if asked. If you disagree with this stance or cannot “control” your own behavior then the Diamonds Softball Club is not for you.

Behaviors that will not be tolerated:

1. Yelling at anyone in a negative manner. This includes umpires, coaches, players, and fans. There is no reason for anyone to be yelling in anger. If you can't help yourself then we encourage you bring a chair and watch the game from the outfield. Please control your emotions. It's a GAME.
2. Physically contact with a player or other person in anger is unacceptable behavior and will not be tolerated. There is never any justification for this type of behavior and you will be asked to leave the club.
3. Foul language is also unacceptable and will not be tolerated. There is no room in the dugout, on the field, or in the bleachers for demeaning language. Our goal is to build up our girls – not to tear them down.
4. As a member of the club you are to be an advocate of the club and all of its members. Negative comments about our club coaches or players in a public setting will not be tolerated. It is unnecessary and unkind as they are all volunteers. If you can't say something nice... don't say anything at all.

We ask that you share this policy with family and friends that will be watching your games.

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. I also understand that the Diamonds Club management team reserves the right to ask anyone choosing to violate this policy to permanently leave the club.

Signature: _____ Date: _____