

# Appendix A

2024 Dunn County 4 H Softball League | Rules and Guidelines

## DUNN COUNTY 4-H SOFTBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

"Players Play, Coaches Coach, Parents Cheer"

As a player or coach of the Dunn County 4-H Softball program I am in agreement:

- A. That it is a privilege, not a right, to play youth sports with the Dunn County 4-H Softball program.
- B. That sportsmanship and fair play are essential to the Dunn County 4-H Softball program.
- C. That sportsmanship and fair play are the most important skills that I can possibly gain from youth sports.
- D. I agree to exemplify the highest level of sportsmanship by supporting my teammates, opponents, coaches, team managers, referees, directors and parents. THEREFORE, I agree to follow Dunn County 4-H Softball Program's Code of Conduct.

**This Code of Conduct will be enforced for the period of one full 4-H Softball Season.**

1. All players are expected to attend all scheduled team events in a punctual manner unless they have notified the head coach.
2. All players will encourage good sportsmanship through their actions by demonstrating positive support for all Players, parents, spectators, coaches and officials at every team event.
3. Players who create public displays of anger directed toward coach(es), their team or individual members of their team will automatically be disciplined. If such an occurrence takes place, disciplinary action may include a two game suspension from the Dunn County 4-H Softball program.
4. There will be Zero Tolerance of abusive behavior from any Dunn County 4-H Softball program player toward any referee, coach, another parent or player of Dunn County 4-H Softball program, board member, and/or another parent or player from another or opposing team. Abusive behavior shall include, but is not limited to, harassment, bullying, obscene language or gestures, verbal abuse, threats of physical abuse online or in person and/or actual physical abuse. If such an occurrence takes place, disciplinary action may include suspension from Dunn County 4-H Softball program events indefinitely until such time as the Dunn County 4-H Softball program leaders and Softball Chair discusses the matter and disciplinary actions is communicated to the individual(s) involved.
5. Only players on the roster are allowed on the bench during scrimmages and games.
6. All players will respect the property and equipment used at any sports facilities, both home and away. If such an occurrence takes place, disciplinary action may be taken.
7. All players agree to follow the team rules, as set by softball committee.
8. If I do not abide by the Code of Conduct policy, I realize that I may face disciplinary action.
9. All players will shake hands with the other team at the end of a game or scrimmage. Spitting in hand before the handshake is not acceptable; slapping the opposing team hand is not acceptable.

Player's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Player's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent of Player's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_