

SOUTH PLAINFIELD TIGERS

South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association

Mission Statement

To organize and create an opportunity for girls of all ages to play competitive fast pitch softball. To encourage a positive fun experience while teaching the importance of respect, good sportsmanship and to reinforce that playing to the best of your abilities through practice and hard work is more important than winning.

Code of Conduct

I understand that representing the South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association and a South Plainfield Tigers Travel Team is a privilege that carries with it certain responsibilities. I further understand that being part of this organization as a coach, assistant, player, association member, parent or guardian of a player requires following certain rules set forth by the South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association as stated in the organization By-Laws and the Code of Conduct. The following Code of Conduct is in effect during games, practices, team meetings and all other SPPPA sponsored events

Players Code of Conduct

1. I will not use or be under the influence of illegal drugs, alcohol and/or tobacco at all times. The SPPPA has a zero tolerance policy regarding a players' use of these substances at any team events.
2. Conduct myself in a manner that shows good sportsmanship.
3. Refrain from taunting and/or physical confrontation.
4. It is okay if I am not one of the best players as long as I work to the best of my ability.
5. I understand that while winning is a goal; it is only one of many goals. I should always do my best to help my team be successful, but it is okay to lose and still have a positive fun experience.
6. As a member of a team, I understand that we will win together and lose together as a team. It is not one individual that wins or loses the game.
7. I will not criticize players on my team or another team for not making a good or correct play. The coaching staff is in place to make necessary corrections.
8. In accordance with good sportsmanship, I can nicely help a teammate calm down if they get too angry.
9. Show **RESPECT** to all teams' coaches, players and umpires.
10. Attend practices, games and team events as scheduled.
11. Refrain from any actions, which would bring discredit to myself, my family, my team and/or the South Plainfield Tigers and SPPPA organization.
12. If I adhere to this Code of Conduct, I have earned the right to play in each game.

Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

1. Refrain from using or being under the influence of illegal drugs, and/or alcohol at all team events.
2. Refrain from using tobacco during all team events in the proximity of the playing fields.
3. Conduct myself in a manner that shows good sportsmanship.
4. Refrain from taunting and/or physical confrontation.
5. I understand that even though my child may not be the best player or a great player they should be praised for their accomplishments on the field, no matter how big or small.
6. I will not criticize a player on our team or another team for not making a good or correct play. The coaching staff is in place to make necessary corrections.
7. I understand and will reinforce with my child that while winning is a goal; it is only one of many goals.
8. It is okay to lose. As long as children try their best and are having fun, they are winners even if they lose the game.
9. I understand and will reinforce with my child that the team will win together and lose together. It is not one individual that wins or loses the game.
10. We shouldn't let our natural competitive spirit turn into angry yelling at our players when they don't meet our expectations.
11. When the players think we're angry, it can make them nervous and lower their self-esteem. This can have a negative effect on how they perform in the game.
12. Show RESPECT to all teams' coaches, players and umpires.
13. No parent will taunt, criticize or question any umpire(s) before, during or after any game
14. Know and help my child meet the level of commitment expected regarding their attendance at scheduled practices, games and team events.
15. Refrain from any actions, which would bring discredit to my child's team and/or the South Plainfield Tigers and SPPPA organization.
16. Read the copy of the By-Laws, Article 10, which pertains to the Travel Teams.
17. You can view the By-Laws on line at our website
www.leaguelineup/spponytail.com
18. I understand that I will be responsible to explain the Code of Conduct to any and all of my family members who attend practices, games and functions. I will be responsible for their actions if there is a violation of the Code of Conduct
19. I will reinforce with my child her need to adhere to the Code of Conduct.

Managers/Coaches/Assistants Code of Conduct

1. Refrain from using and/or being under the influence of illegal drugs and/or alcohol. The SPPPA has a zero tolerance policy regarding a coach's use and/or being under the influence of these substances at any team events.
2. Refrain from using tobacco during all team events in the proximity of the playing fields.
3. Conduct myself in a manner that shows good sportsmanship at all times.
4. Refrain from taunting and/or physical confrontation.
5. To only expect the players to try their best and to play to the best of their ability.
6. I understand and will help my team understand that while winning is a goal; it is only one of many goals. It is okay to lose.
7. The players can and should have a positive, fun experience even when they are not winning.
8. Learning to accept losing is an important lesson that we can help teach the kids.
9. As a member of a team, I understand that we will win together and lose together as a team.
10. It is not one individual that wins or loses the game.
11. Refrain from our natural competitive spirit that can make us negative and angry with the kids when they don't meet our expectations.
12. When the kids think I am angry I understand it can make them feel nervous and lower their self-esteem.
13. Too much criticism can reduce a player's enthusiasm and have a negative effect on how they perform.
14. I should offer positive suggestions for improvement.
15. Show RESPECT to all teams' coaches, players and umpires.
16. Attend practices, games and team events as scheduled.
17. Refrain from any actions, which would bring discredit to my team and/or the South Plainfield Tigers and SPPPA organization.
18. I know and will teach the players on my team the softball skills and strategies necessary for their level of play (based on the age group of the team).
19. I will adhere to the SPPPA's By-Laws.
20. Always remember I am here for all of the kids on my team and I am a role model to them

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Player

Parent / Guardian

Manager / Coach

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Code of Conduct it contains. I understand that failure to uphold the Code of Conduct may result in my suspension and/or removal from the game, team and/or the South Plainfield Parents' Ponytail Association. Any infractions of this contract will be reviewed and if necessary voted on by the SPPPA Association and Executive Board. If further action is required it will be administered by the SPPPA Executive Board.

**Parent/Guardian and players keep pages 1 – 4
Once signed, return page 5 to the team manager**