



Eastern Lehigh Valley Code of Conducts

Player Code of Conduct & Participation Agreement:

Youth softball plays a vital role in encouraging physical, social and emotional growth of children. It is therefore essential for parents, coaches and officials to encourage their youth softball players to embrace the values of good sportsmanship, discipline and character development.

Eastern Lehigh Valley Softball League requires that all participants commit and adhere to the following Code of Conduct. ELV believes in the three "S's" – Safety, Sportsmanship, and Scholarship and expects student participants to exhibit them both on and off the field. Any violation of the following Codes could result in disciplinary action by the ELV that may result in warnings or suspension.

ELV has adopted the following Player Code of Conduct:

I hereby pledge to be positive about my youth sports experience and accept responsibility for my participation by following this Players' Code of Ethics Pledge.

- Have fun!
- Follow and play by the rules.
- Work hard for yourself and your team.
- Be a good sport (win or lose); Be honest, fair and always show good sportsmanship to all coaches, players, officials, parents and fans by demonstrating good sportsmanship at every game and practice.
- Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated.

- Learn the value of commitment to the team. I will attend every practice and game that I can, and will notify by coach if I cannot.
- Put personal goals aside for the betterment of the team.
- Show courtesy and respect to teammates, opponents and coaches.
- Realize that athletic contests, including practice sessions are educational experiences and opportunities.
- I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct.
- I will not engage in rude behavior.
- I will treat everyone, including coaches, parents, players and officials, with respect, regardless of race, creed, color, nationality or gender.

The "Champion's Creed"

Champions get up one more time than they have been knocked down.

Champions give their all, no matter the score.

Champions do what is right, even when it hurts.

Champions know winning is not necessarily measured by the final score.

Champions take a stand for what is right, even when they stand alone.

Champions see every challenge as an opportunity.

Champions make those around them better.

Champions do the right thing, even when no one is watching.

Champions dedicate themselves to prepare for success.

Champions put the success of others above individual achievement.

Champions understand winning is not the only thing.

Champions live by a higher personal standard.

Champions stand firm when others around them fall.

Champions live by what they speak and speak what they live.

Champions lay down their own desires for the benefit of others.

Champions willingly accept responsibility, and graciously deflect honor.

Champions never sacrifice what is best for something good.

Champions may fail...but they never quit.

Again, the Code is not conceived to address every possible behavioral circumstance. The organization and coaches and officials reserve the right to utilize this document as a framework / guideline for expected behavior, and as the organization's standard for behavioral evaluation, and to implement action, based on its intent.

We the undersigned have read the attached Eastern Lehigh Valley Softball League code of conduct, and agree to abide by its provisions:

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Signed Name: _____