

Women's Softball League Code of Conduct

Hopkinton Parks and Recreation considers the Women's Softball League to be used as a role model and example of good sportsmanship to people in the community. The proper conduct of players, umpires and coaches is essential to achieving this goal. The umpires and team captains monitor persons involved in this program and each player will be held to the standards listed in the below code of conduct.

There is a ZERO tolerance rule when it comes to sportsmanship. Any player notwithstanding to the code of conduct will be removed from the league on site at the game or following the game. **Any ejection by the umpire results in a one game suspension enforced by the league. More than one ejection will be reviewed by the captain's board and Parks and Recreation, Director.** Any team with three violations will be removed from the league. This is designed to be a fun league with respectful competition.

All players will refrain from using abusive or profane language at all times. Remember, children attend these games to support their mothers.

Team captains, co-captains and appointed captains will be asked to have absolute control over their players behavior at all times. Only these captains will be permitted to communicate with the umpires during the game.

The umpire's call is final. Be respectful. Do not disagree or argue with the umpire's call. Umpires, teammates and spectators should not hear comments from the dug out. Please keep comments to yourself until after the game. If negative comments about the umpire's calls or about the other team are made, you will be asked to leave the league. Hopkinton Parks and Recreation will have final decision on whether you will be refunded.

Tobacco, Alcohol, Seeds: There is absolutely no use of alcohol, tobacco products, vaping products, or seeds (and similar protects), allowed on school grounds or the field.

Metal spikes are not allowed on the turf fields.

Players are responsible for promoting proper conduct at all times of their supporters in the stands. They will be held to the same respectful conduct as players. Poor sportsmanship from supporters could result in the team's removal from the league.

No player or spectator may make a derogatory remark, gesture or tone of voice to the umpire

No player shall discuss her personal opinion of any player in a derogatory manner.

No player shall at any time lay a hand upon, push, shove or threaten another player or umpire

Throwing bats is not allowed