

# Saratoga Miss Softball

## Player Code of Conduct



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Participation on a team for Saratoga Miss Softball is a privilege that should cause great pride in both the players and their families. It also is a commitment to represent the organization well, not just while wearing a uniform. We expect the best behavior of our players at all times, and expect them to abide by the league rules while playing.

Our goal at Saratoga Miss Softball is to deter our players from giving into peer pressure and using drugs or alcohol or bullying. We believe that sports can be a very positive thing in a girl's life, building confidence and self-esteem. We at Saratoga Miss Softball take great pride in the accomplishments of our players. They are the main reason these programs exist, and we encourage them to strive to be the best they can be.

**Problems or Concerns** do arise on occasion. If parents or players have an issue that needs to be discussed, please contact the coach directly and quickly. Problems that do not get addressed and get discussed everywhere but with the coach, result in bitter feelings and affects the team on and off the field. If there is a problem with a coach, please bring your concerns to the attention of the President of Saratoga Miss Softball.

Prior to making a commitment to the Saratoga Miss Softball program, we would like you and your daughter to take the following information into consideration:

### ***As a player, I shall...***

- ✓ Show respect to all game officials, coaches, players, and parents and never act in a manner that would disrespect them, teammates, league, or myself.
- ✓ Follow the direction of the coaching staff.
- ✓ Display good sportsmanship.
- ✓ Make every effort to attend all scheduled practices and games and will make sure my coach knows in advance if my attendance is not possible.
- ✓ Play fair and strive to win, but win or lose, I will always do my best.
- ✓ Shake hands with the opposing team and the officials at the conclusion of all games.
- ✓ Understand that I may be suspended for any violation of this Player's Code of Conduct.

### ***Players shall not...***

- ✓ Not argue with or speak disrespectfully to a manager, coach, umpire, or opposing player.
- ✓ Use abusive or profane language.
- ✓ Taunt or humiliate any other player.
- ✓ Question an umpire's call.
- ✓ Abuse, mistreat or mishandle any league equipment or property. (Example: throwing batting helmets)
- ✓ Utilize any drugs or alcohol.
- ✓ Bully, including: unwanted written, verbal, or physical behavior that is threatening, insulting, or creates an intimidating or hostile environment.

# Parents and Spectators Code of Conduct

## ***Parents and Spectators agree to:***

- ✓ Be positive role models.
- ✓ Display and instill in all players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play. This applies to all Parents and Spectators who are asked to assist with the running of the team but are not designated as league “coaches”.
- ✓ Conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players.
- ✓ Do their best to provide the players a positive experience.
- ✓ Make certain that their children show respect for all other players, coaches, official and spectators.
- ✓ Not ridicule or demean players, coaches or umpires.
- ✓ Inform the coach of any disability or ailment that may affect the safety of their child.
- ✓ Comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policies and procedures as established or endorsed by the Saratoga Miss Softball.
- ✓ Be drug and alcohol free while at Saratoga Miss Softball athletic event.
- ✓ Treat all players, coaches and umpires fairly and with respect. Parents and Spectators will not question an umpire’s call.
- ✓ Respect the opponent and avoid any confrontation with opposing players, spectators or coaches.

The Saratoga Miss Board of Directors reserves the right to remove any parent or spectator from the softball fields for violation of the above stated Code of Conduct for Parents and Spectators.

***Consequences*** resulting from failure to follow any of these rules could affect your daughter’s playing time, or even affect whether your daughter is selected for or continues on a team. In addition to any penalties put forth in the league rules, the guidelines for actions taken by the board of directors of Saratoga Miss Softball regarding an athlete found in violation of the code of conduct policy shall be:

### ***First Offense***

1. Effective from the date the penalty is imposed, the athlete shall be placed on probation for one calendar year.
2. During the period of probation, the athlete will be expected to be at every practice
3. The athlete will be at every game, in uniform, and support her team.

### ***Second Offense***

1. If the second offense occurs during the first calendar year of probation, an automatic suspension for the remainder of the calendar year will be imposed.
2. The board of directors will determine if the athlete forfeits her privilege to play in the next season
3. The athlete and her parents/guardians will be notified in writing of the board’s decision.

### ***Appeals***

An appeal may be filed within five business days to the board of directors of Saratoga Miss Softball at Saratoga Miss Softball, P.O. Box 1269, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. All decisions of the board of directors are final.

Saratoga Miss Softball players and parents/guardians, by signing this policy, you agree that you have read, understood and will comply with this policy.

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Player’s signature

Date

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Parent/Guardian’s signature

Date