



# Sierra Madre Girls Softball Association

## Parents Contract

### GUIDELINES FOR BEHAVIOR

It is the objective of the Sierra Madre Girls Softball Association (SMGSA) to provide your children with a wholesome atmosphere in which to engage in healthy athletic competition. Our primary goal is to build character in the children. Because of the excitement and high emotion of some of our games, we think it is important to express some guidelines regarding what is expected of you and your children. Please know that we encourage cheering, excitement, and exuberance, but please be careful to express this only in a positive manner.

- We will not tolerate any behavior on the playing field or in the stands that would hinder the spirit of sportsmanship and cooperation that we are trying to encourage.
- The umpire is in charge of all game rules and regulations on and off the field. Please give the umpire proper respect. The Managers of the teams playing are the only ones allowed to dispute a call.
- At no time will we permit abusive behavior, abusive language or profanity.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted in the vicinity of any of the playing fields or where otherwise prohibited.
- A No Smoking policy is enforced on the athletic fields and in the dugout areas. Smoking is strongly discouraged in the bleachers or along the sidelines.
- Conduct of guests is the responsibility of the adult whose child participates in the League. Games can be forfeited due to behavior of the spectators.
- This is a volunteer program. We expect that you will do your part to keep the facilities clean and litter free.
- Failure to comply with these rules may result in the player, parent or guest being asked to leave the premises, and could result in forfeiture of the game. Serious or repeated offenses could result in expulsion from the League.

### LEAGUE COMMITTEES AND FUNDRAISING

We are an all-volunteer organization that relies on parental participation to carry on the routine duties of the League. Registration fees cover only a portion of the cost of league operation. Parents will need to participate in fund raising activities during the season. Your support will allow us to improve the quality of our facilities while at the same time holding down the cost of registration.

### PAYMENT OF REGISTRATION FEES

Payment in full of registration fees is required before a player will be assigned to a team. Make check payable to SMGSA.

### REFUND POLICY

Our goal with refunds is to be flexible and fair. We will respond to any reasonable situation that arises. All we ask is that you understand the League's need to have a time frame wherein we can fairly respond. In particular, once teams have been formed, refunds will not be issued barring unusual and unforeseeable circumstances. Withdrawing a player after teams are formed can adversely affect a team and the entire Division. Accordingly, the SMGSA refund policy is as follows:

- Prior to formation of team rosters 100% refund
- After formation of team rosters No refund

### SAME TEAM REQUESTS

Please do not make "Same Team" requests unless absolutely necessary. Due to the emphasis the league places on balanced teams, the league can offer no commitments or assurances regarding these requests.

### AGREEMENT

As Parent or Legal Guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I certify that I have read the above Parent Contract, and  
(Player's Name)  
agree to abide by the terms thereof.

Signature (Parent or Legal Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_