



PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

- Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desire to play their chosen sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment not yours. Make it fun for them.
- Familiarize yourself with the rules of the game. By understanding the rules of the game yourself, you will then be able to help your athlete understand the game. This approach will help in the development and support of the game.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- Respect you child's coaches, teammates, other parents, opponents and officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.
- Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches, parents, opponents or officials. ***Verbal and/or physical abuse of players, coaches, parents, opponents or officials will not be tolerated.***
- ***Social Media – any negative use of social media against a player, parent, team, coach, opponent, officials or Northern IL Thunder will NOT be tolerated.***
- Applaud a good effort in victory as well as in defeat to enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or physically abuse your child after a game or practice, it is destructive. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are important to the development of your child, our program and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about the game, and volunteer.
- Be concerned with the overall development of your child. Stress good health habits and clean living.
- ***It is your responsibility to recognize and abide by any and all rules and regulations set forth by the venue hosting an event.***
- ***Questions or concerns regarding playing time, game situations, batting order, etc., will never be addressed during a game or practice. These issues may be addressed in a non-confrontational manner after the post game or practice meeting and out of the presence of players and other parents.***



PARENTS CONDUCT AGREEMENT

I agree that I have read and understood the rules and guidelines as set forth in the "Parents Code of Conduct". Further, I understand that should I fail to abide by the aforementioned guidelines, I may be subject to disciplinary action that could include, need not be progressive and may not be limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, President or the Vice President of Ethics of the Northern Illinois Thunder Softball organization.
- Written warning filed with and by the President or the Vice President of Ethics.
- Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved.
- Season suspension.

All requests for disciplinary action, the actions themselves and all subsequent appeals must follow the guidelines and rules as set forth in the Northern Illinois Thunder's "Disciplinary Actions Statement".

Agreed to by:

Print Name

Signature

Date: _____

Print Name

Signature

Date: _____