



Code of Conduct & Parent Agreement

It is the objective of Texas Pride Softball to teach the players the ideals of good sportsmanship, loyalty, courage, and reverence thru the sport of softball. Please review the following Code of Conduct for coaches, parents, players, and fans:

- The Team Manager is ultimately responsible for their team, including the players, other coaches and fans. As a result, the Team Manager has the authority to remove or suspend a player, coach, or fan from participation with the team where warranted.
- Texas Pride Softball does not tolerate any behavior that would hinder the spirit of sportsmanship or is detrimental to the organization, its teams, coaches, players or fans. Texas Pride Softball does not permit abusive or profane language.
- Texas Pride Softball works to teach players that they can be successful despite the circumstance(s) of any game or play. Coaches, parents, and fans should encourage players to succeed despite any circumstance(s) that may be against them. This includes an umpire's judgment or interpretation, tactics by our opponents, or competition within the team. Only the Team Manager or his designate have the right to address an umpire or game official.
- Umpires will be addressed by the Team Manager at their discretion and without interference from others. Players, parents, and fans are prohibited from comments directed at an umpire, player, or coach (considered interference). Coaches reserve the right to request a meeting with umpires where appropriate and in a professional and courteous manner. Parents or fans can only cause the coach to lose an opportunity for a courteous meeting.
- Parents and fans should refrain from any activity that distracts the players from the coaches or the game. This includes comments from a parent or fan to any player in any manner that distracts any players.
- Softball is a contact sport that can cause injury and in rare cases, death. Parents are responsible for the safety of their child and any coach, player, parent, game official, or fan. Parents should respond within reason to ensure the safety of all.
- Texas Pride Softball does not provide insurance. Players are provided insurance via registration with ASA or USSSA.



- Texas Pride Softball has an exclusive agreement for all spirit wear via the Texas Pride eStore. Parents may purchase spirit wear at their discretion but only via the authorized providers. Purchases of spirit wear from unapproved sources may result in a fine to the parent or team. Parents understand that Texas Pride Softball receives donations from vendors for the right to provide products or services.
- Texas Pride Softball does not provide paid coaching or reimbursement for expenses. The coaches and Directors volunteer their time without compensation or reimbursement.
- Texas Pride Softball is a cost-based organization. Fees and donations are used to fund the cost to play and practice and for player and team fees, including fees to Plano Sports Authority (PSA), USSSA, and ASA. Texas Pride Softball, PSA, and their coaches, Directors, and officials do not profit from fees, donations, or sponsorships.
- Players are required to have approved equipment, including helmets with cage, softball cleats, sliders, knee pads (shin guards), mouth-guard, or goggles at their expense where needed.

Failure to comply with these rules may result in disciplinary actions. Serious or repeated offenses could result in suspension or release from the team, without refund.

EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

All equipment and uniforms purchased with team funds are the property of the Texas Pride Softball and must be returned to the team upon separation from the club.

FUND RAISING

Fees may cover a portion of the cost of team operation. Parent/child may be asked to participate in fund raising activities during the season, and all funds are the property of Texas Pride Softball.

As Parent or Guardian of _____, I certify that I have read the above Parent Contract and agree to abide by the rules set forth.

Parent / Guardian _____ Date _____

Head Coach _____ Date _____