



Sabattus Rec. Club Softball

Fair Play Policy

This Fair Policy has been established to insure that the interest of the children is in mind. A “win at all costs” philosophy will not be tolerated at any age level. The primary purpose of our youth Softball League is to promote the game of softball, educate the children about the rules, winning and losing, sportsmanship and team play.

Expectations at all age levels:

- ◆ *The safety of our players always comes first.*
- ◆ *Every coach, player and parent will receive a copy of the NYSCA Code of Conduct and will be expected to abide by that Code.*
- ◆ *The basic fundamentals of softball will be emphasized while making the season an enjoyable experience for the children.*
- ◆ *Every player will be taught the skills which are appropriate for each level of play, as well as more advanced skills and techniques should time allow during the season.*
- ◆ *Every player suited up for play and on the roster will play. All coaches will use their best efforts to ensure that each player is allowed to have equal playing time.*
- ◆ *All teams will use a continuous batting order.*
- ◆ *Parents are encouraged to contact the coach if their child is going to miss a practice or game. If the player misses 2 consecutive practices/games, that player will still be allowed to play in their next game, but will not be allowed to be a starter.*

At the 8 & under and 10 & under levels:

- ◆ *Every player will be given the opportunity to try every position by the end of the season to enhance skill building.*
- ◆ *During games, player’s positions will be rotated every inning.*
- ◆ *During practices, all girls who wish to try pitching will be allowed to do so. However, during games, only those girls who are able to pitch the ball over home plate will play this position.*
- ◆ *Excessive base running is not allowed. If an opponent is in the act of picking up a ball, the runner must stop at the base they were advancing to. Leading and stealing of bases is not allowed.*

At the 12 & under level:

- ◆ *During practices, all girls who wish to try pitching and catching will be allowed to do so. However, during games, only those girls who have shown the ability to pitch and catch well will play this position.*
- ◆ *Although every girl will play in a game at least 3 innings, it will be at the coach’s discretion what positions they will play.*