



Please read the Parent's Code of Conduct below and reviews the Player's Code of Conduct with your daughter. Parents, the player, and the coaching staff should then sign as indicated.

PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Your daughter and her team:

- √ Be supportive of your daughter. Cheer them on at all times, especially when they struggle.
- √ Focus on performance which can be controlled by the athlete and not on winning or losing, an outcome which is frequently outside the athlete's control.
- √ Positively reinforce improved skills.
- √ Do not ever let any player feel like they lost the game. **The team wins and the team loses.**
- √ Decrease the pressure to win; avoid making the outcome of the game bigger than life. As a game becomes blown out of proportion, a player's self-esteem can become tied to winning or losing. Make sure your daughter knows that, win or lose; you will support them even if you are disappointed with their performance.
- √ Help your daughter set realistic goals. Sport's primary value is the opportunity for self development. The probability of achieving lasting fame and glory is low; however, their experiences allow them to develop life-long values and self-esteem.
- √ Help your daughter learn to enjoy sports and develop skills that she is capable of performing. Practice with and help your daughter so that she will have an opportunity for skill improvement through active participation.
- √ Be realistic about the strengths and weaknesses of your daughter so that you may place her in situations where she has the maximum opportunity for success. Do not relive your athletic past through your daughter.
- √ Do not yell at or speak negatively to your daughter or their teammates in public.
- √ Do not coach your daughter or their teammates during a game (unless you are a coach).

YOUR OPPONENTS:

- √ Never yell at or speak negatively to an opposing coach, parent or player.
- √ Do not engage in cheering that could be considered disrespectful to or might interfere with the performance of the opposing team.

THE UMPIRES:

- √ Never yell at, criticize or even offer advice to an umpire (even in a polite manner). Comments should be directed to your coach or a league administrator.
- √ Never blame the outcome of a game on an umpire. Umpire's decisions are not always correct, but successful players learn how to overcome those decisions, not use them as excuses.

YOUR COACHES AND TEAM:

- √ Understand and respect the differences between parental roles and coaching roles.
- √ Uphold the authority of officials and coaches who are working with your daughter. Assist them when possible and use good judgment if you disagree with them.
- √ Do help the coach or team parent out by volunteering for team duties. Make sure you are doing your fair share.
- √ Do drop off and pick up your daughter on time for practices and games.
- √ Do keep your coach informed about absences or late arrivals that can't be avoided.
- √ Do remain off the field and out of the dugout unless you are serving in an official capacity.
- √ If you are not satisfied with an aspect of your daughter's experience, talk to the coach about it at a time he/she can listen. Generally, this is not immediately before or after a game. Employ a 24 hr wait time to compose and organize your thoughts and then, set up a meeting time to discuss your concerns.
- √ Never swear.
- √ Never drink alcoholic beverages at a game or practice.

PLAYER BILL OF RIGHTS

- √ The right to have qualified adult leadership.
- √ The right to play as a youth, not as an adult.
- √ The right of to be informed in the leadership and decision making process.
- √ The right to participate in safe and healthy environments.
- √ The right to equal opportunity to strive for success.
- √ The right to be treated with dignity, by coaches, players, teammates, umpires and spectators.
- √ The right to have fun in softball.

PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- √ Listen to and respect the directions of coaches and umpires during all softball activities.
- √ Accept the decisions of officials without showing inappropriate emotions.
- √ Never argue with or show disrespect towards the umpire or coaches.
- √ Treat each player, coach, official and parent with dignity and respect.
- √ Be positive with your teammates. Don't criticize.
- √ Do not harass or act disrespectfully towards the opposing team.
- √ Do not throw bats or helmets. These actions can lead to an immediate ejection from a game.
- √ Clean up the dugout after every game. Ask the coach what else you can do to help.
- √ All players in the dugout must always remain orderly and within their assigned team area, especially during a softball game.
- √ Lead positive cheers that support and uplift the team and do not degrade the opposition.
- √ Have a positive attitude about yourself, your teammates, your team, and your coaches.
- √ Do not intentionally hurt another player. This will lead to an immediate ejection from the game, suspension from future games, and/or dismissal from the team.
- √ Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
- √ Never swear.

- √ Place team goals at a priority over individual goals. Winners are those who give their utmost to achieve team goals and reach their own potential as individuals.
- √ Give the team the best effort all of the time. 100% effort and concentration is needed in order to improve. Don't just "go through the motions" in practice or games.
- √ Be in attendance at practices and games. Notify coaches ahead of time when missing a practice or game. When you miss a game or practice, apologize to the coach.
- √ Be on time (tell your parents this is important to you). If you are late, apologize to your coach.
- √ Realize your role on the team as a player/competitor, not as a coach.
- √ Remember that you represent the **Krusherz's Inc.** organization, your Softball team, your coaches, as well as yourself. Enhance our reputation and character with your conduct on and off the field.

COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

- √ I will ultimately take responsibility for my conduct, the conduct of my assistants, players, and spectators.
- √ I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- √ As a coach I want to win and strive to win, but not "win at all costs."
- √ I will strive to ensure that all players will participate in tournaments.
- √ I will seek to achieve excellence in my staff, my players and myself.
- √ I will provide a safe playing environment for my players.
- √ I promise to review and practice basic first-aid principles needed to treat injuries to my players.
- √ I will strive to keep abreast of current learning techniques and knowledge of the game.
- √ I will be knowledgeable of the laws of the game, and I will teach them to my players.
- √ I will listen and learn from my players and other coaches.
- √ I will share my coaching style, playing-time philosophy, player expectations, team rules and season goals with my players and their parents before the season starts.
- √ I will do my best to be prepared and to organize practices that are fun and challenging to my players.
- √ I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- √ I will provide a softball environment for my player that is free of drugs, including tobacco and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all practices and games.
- √ I will treat parents, players, officials, fans, and other coaches with respect regardless of race, sex, religion, or ability, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.

PARENT/PLAYER/COACH CODE OF CONDUCT VIOLATIONS

This Coaching Staff will not tolerate Code of Conduct Violations. You will be warned once of a Conduct violation after that it is a "Zero Tolerance Policy" for the remainder of the season. Disciplinary actions may include being benched, ejected, asked to leave the premise, and/or multiple game suspensions for Code Infractions. As a **Krusherz's, Inc.** parent please don't let this happen to you, it reflects badly on our softball team, the **Pinellas Krusherz's Inc.** organization, and to yourself as an individual.

PLAYER COMMITMENT

I understand to be a member of the **Krusherz's, Inc.** organization I must be willing to make commitments for the duration of the season, have good character, and be confident in the program and my abilities. I also understand that only nine players can start and play at the same time.

Therefore, I will accept my role on the team with a positive attitude whether I am a starter, or a role player. If I feel that I have been treated unfairly or am unhappy with my role on the team, I will discuss my feelings as soon as possible at an appropriate time with my head coach. It is my responsibility, not my parents, to discuss any problems concerning the team. No meeting will be set up

with any parent until a meeting between the player and coach has taken place.

If I am unable to accept my role on the team and conduct myself as a team player, then I will no longer have the opportunity to be a member of the **Krusherz's, Inc.** organization.

By signing this contract, I, (Print Name) _____, agree with and am willing to make these commitments to myself, teammates, and coaches to be a member of the **Krusherz's, Inc.** organization.

Player (signature) Date

Parent/Guardian #1 (print name) Parent/Guardian #1 (signature) Date

Parent/Guardian #2 (print name) Parent/Guardian #2 (signature) Date
