



**Tri-County Smash**  
Girl Fast Pitch Softball Organization



## Parent Code of Conduct

Tri County Smash is pleased to welcome you to a new season. We are anticipating a fantastic experience! Along the way this season, we have to ensure that all of us- Board, Coaches, Parents and Athletes- have a common understanding of where we are going. Our goal is an incident free season. Our experience has told us that the best way for us to accomplish this is to put down in writing our exact expectations up front. The goal is to put down on paper the answers to potential situations that will come up, and make sure at the time we answer your questions. Please don't hesitate to ask your Coach or the Board if you have any questions about any of the information provided.

### TRAVEL POLICIES:

1. All athletes must stay with the team while attending overnight tournaments.
  - a. Any exceptions to this must be approved by the Head Coach.
2. All athletes must adhere to curfews, established by their coach or chaperone, while traveling with the team.
3. When at the lodging location, there shall be no display of disrespect toward any Hotel Employee, Hotel Guest, Coach, Parent or players of other teams.

### ATTENDANCE POLICIES:

1. Smash will enforce the following practice and tournament attendance policy of every athlete. This is not intended to prevent an Athlete from playing another sport while participating with Smash.
2. General Policy: It is the responsibility of the Athlete or the parents to notify the coach of any scheduled team event that the Athlete will be missing with at least one week notice for practices, and a two week notice for tournaments.
  - a. Practice
    - i. All practices are mandatory.
    - ii. Players that are excessively absent may be suspended games or removed from the team.
      1. Please understand that for the team to reach goals players must participate in practice.

### ATHLETES/PARENT CONDUCT AT TOURNAMENTS/PRACTICES/COMMUNITY

It is the intent of Smash to be a leader in the Softball Community. It is also the intent of Smash to lead by example, which means you: both the Athlete and the Parents of the Athlete need to lead by example. These guidelines are set forth to protect the safety and the integrity Smash, Coaches, Parents and players.

1. Equal playing time is **NOT** guaranteed. Coaches evaluate athletes during practices on a weekly basis. Playing time at Tournaments is earned at Practice. If you have a question about your playing time, set up a time with your Coach to discuss the situation.
  - a. Please allow a **24-48 hour "cooling off"** period so that the staff and parents can discuss situations in a calm and civil manner.
  - b. Coaches remind parents during and after tournaments if such situations occur.
2. I acknowledge that I am representing Tri-County Smash at all times. I will refrain from using profanity, displaying a negative attitude, or exhibiting poor sportsmanship at any time.
3. I will treat all Tri-County Smash team members, coaches, opposing coaches, parents (on the same team or opposing team), spectators and umpires with respect.

4. I will support the decisions of the coaching staff at all times, and refrain from contradicting or negating a coaching decision. If I have any questions and /or concerns I will maturely and privately approach the coach with my concerns.
5. I will not be a “bleacher coach” and coach my child or their teammates from the stands, behind the dugout, or behind the backstop, in practices or games. I will leave the responsibility to the coaching staff.
6. I will make sure that my child is prompt and ready to participate in all practices, games, and/or team meetings. I will make sure that my daughter arrives early enough to the practice or game so that she is ready to begin at the designated time. If I foresee a potential conflict with practice, games, and/or team meetings, I will make every attempt possible to contact the coaches in advance.
7. I will try to schedule my daughter’s appointments, vacations, other camps, etc around practices, games, and/or team meetings. If my son/daughter does have to miss a team function, I will notify the coach well in advance of their absence. I also understand that extended or unexcused absences may result in a decrease or loss of playing time for my child.
8. I will support my child and their team by attending as many tournaments as possible, and demonstrating positive sportsmanship while in attendance. I will not make it a competition between my child and others on the same team. I acknowledge that I have a responsibility to Tri-County Smash and treat the organization with the up most respect during any event hosted by Tri-County Smash or participated in by Tri-County Smash.

**FINANCIAL AGREEMENT:**

- o Organization fees are due in accordance with the tournament schedule.
- o Fees paid to the organization are **non-refundable** except due to a season ending injury, illness, or relocation out of the area. In this instance, refunds may be granted with a written request to the board accompanied by a physicians’ report where applicable. After January 1<sup>st</sup>, refunds will be pro-rated based on length of participation. **NO REFUNDS** will be granted after Memorial Day.
- o **Fastpitch: Your commitment to Tri-County Smash will be fulfilled after the date of the ASA/USA nationals. At this time equipment will be the property of the athlete and release for fall for all athletes will be granted.**
- o **Fall Season: Your commitment to Tri-County Smash will be fulfilled after the date of the December 1<sup>st</sup>. At this time equipment will be the property of the athlete and release for fall for all athletes will be granted.**

**UNIFORM:**

- o **Smash uniform is the property of the team of participation until the commitment is completed and the player is released.**
- o Uniforms should be washed and clean at the beginning of each tournament.
- o Uniforms shall NOT be altered in any way; which includes cutting, seaming and adjusting without the specific approval of the board.
- o Helmets are the property of Smash as well and will not be altered. Helmets will be green, orange and white with provided logo. Do not alter helmets by spray painting or adding logos or stickers without the specific approval of the board.

**(Cut and Return)**

**Athlete Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Team:** \_\_\_\_\_ **U**

We the parents/guardians of \_\_\_\_\_, have read the before mentions information concerning the policies and practices of Tri County Smash (hereafter called “Smash”). We agree that having been selected to a team, to let them join for the \_\_\_\_\_ season. We have read the information provided and understand the time and commitment involved in the practice and competition schedule. We have reviewed the fee schedule and agree to pay all fees regardless of the duration of participation. Understanding the stipulation and having discussed these with our child. We agree to and will support her participation in Smash. We understand that once registered with and having participated with Smash, the athlete will be unable to transfer teams and compete in the ASA, NSA, USSSA or IFA competitions.

This agreement, together with any attachments, will be governed by the laws of the State of California. This supersedes all prior oral or written representations of communication between all parties. It also constitutes the entire understanding of the parties regarding the subject matter of this agreement, and may only be modified or amended by written supplement signed by bother parties.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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(athlete)  
(parent / guardian)