**Player Code of Conduct**

**Ipswich Travel Softball** has implemented the following Player Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of players participating in our program.

All Ipswich Travel Softball players need to read and sign the following contract before participating in practices and games. The contract must be read with a parent or guardian as they must also sign the agreement. Players and parents (fans) agree to follow the Golden Rule of Sports: Treat opposing players, coaches, teammates, umpires, and fans the way you would like to be treated yourself - **with respect**. I therefore agree to the following:

1. I promise to respect my opponents. I will always cheer for my team, but never against other teams.

2. I agree to offer a sportsmanlike handshake to all opposing players and coaches after each game.

3. I understand that I may strike out or make mistakes in my practices and games. I promise that I will never intentionally throw my bat, helmet, or glove. I promise that I will learn to be a good sport whether my team wins or loses.

4. I promise not to argue with any teammate, coach, or umpire.

5. I promise not to taunt or boo any players on my team or the other teams, any coach, or any umpire.

6. I will never intentionally try to hurt another player, coach, umpire, or fan.

7. I understand that my coach's decisions are final, and I will accept my coach's decisions.

8. I will never use profanities during a game or practice.

I understand that if I fail to live up to these expectations, my coach may remove me from a practice or game, and that it is possible that I could lose the privilege of participating in the Ipswich Travel Softball program.

Parent/Guardian Section

The Ipswich Travel Softball Board of Directors asks that all parents and guardians show the players how to demonstrate good sportsmanship. Please help our league by applauding either team when completing a good play. Please do not complain about an umpire’s call or coach’s decision in front of the players while a game is being played. Never embarrass a player, coach, or game official at any time. We encourage fair play at all times. We want our children to learn the value of being a good sport whether they win or lose. Thank you for supporting our mission and spreading the goodwill of Ipswich Travel Softball.

Printed Name of Player Signature of Player Date

Printed Name of Parent Signature of Parent Date

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