

**RUSS ARTHUR SENIOR SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION (RASSA)
2023 PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. No player shall at any time lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike, or threaten to strike a player, umpire, or spectator.
2. No player shall refuse to abide by an umpire's decision, be guilty of objectionable demonstrations by throwing gloves, bats, balls, or any other forceful action, or be guilty of heaping personal, verbal abuse upon any official for any real or imaginary wrong decision or judgment.
3. No player shall discuss with an official in any manner the decision reached by such official, except the Manager or his substitute stand-in. An umpire's call regarding balls and strikes cannot be challenged. Disputes must be settled at the time any problem occurs. No after game protests will be allowed.
4. No player shall be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game against the body and person of any opposing player.
5. No player shall be guilty of abusive, negative comments, or verbal attacks upon or about any player, umpire or spectator.
6. No player shall use profane, obscene or vulgar language in any manner, or at any time.
7. No player shall appear on the field of play at any time in an intoxicated condition.
8. No player shall smoke while going on or coming off the field of play, while on the field of play, or in the dugout.
9. No player shall be guilty of discussing publicly with the spectators in any derogatory or abusive manner any play, decision, or personal opinion of other players during the game.
10. No player should make any comment, tell any joke or make any gesture while at the field of play that could be viewed as discriminatory, racially insensitive or sexually harassing.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If a player is observed to be in violation of the above stated Code of Conduct by the Umpire, the applicable League Director or the Commissioner, he or she will be given one warning during a given game. If a second violation occurs during that game, the player will be ejected from the game and reported to the RASSA Board of Directors for disciplinary action.

ADDENDUM REQUIRED BY THE VESTAVIA HILLS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT (VHPRD) FOR RASSA'S USE OF ITS LIBERTY PARK FIELDS #5 & #9

It is strongly urged that individuals participate only in those events for which they are in good enough physical condition to take part. It is strongly recommended that participants consult their doctors regarding practice preparation and competition in the RASSA, which is playing its 2023 season at Liberty Park Fields #5 and #9.

ADDENDUM CONTINUED . . . I recognize and understand that the preparation and the competition may necessitate strenuous physical activity; and could possibly activate any unrecognized pre-existing disorders which I may have, thereby resulting in serious or life-threatening physical harm to me. **I, THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING OF LAWFUL AGE, DO HEREBY FOR HEIRS, MY EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND MYSELF, RELEASE THE CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS and THE VHPRD,** its agents and employees, from any and all liability for any loss, cost, damage, or injury of any kind which I may incur as a result in whole or in part of my participation in the **2022 RASSA Season**. This release covers, but is not limited to, all foreseen and unforeseen bodily and personal injuries (INCLUDING COVID-19), pain and suffering, mental anguish and property damage which I may incur as a participant of RASSA. RASSA encourages all participants to get the COVID vaccinations, wear a mask and practice the social distancing and washing/sanitizing of hands protocols promulgated by the Center for Disease Control. In addition, I hereby authorize the City of Vestavia Hills., VHPRD, and its agents, and employees, to use, reproduce, and publish my name in any media advertising of the events and any and all pictures taken of me as a participant in the RASSA. I further release these entities and persons from any and all claims arising out of or connected with the use or publications of such pictures for business purposes or for any purposes as they may, in their sole discretion, determine. The City of Vestavia Hills., the VHPRD, its agents, or employees have made no representations to me concerning the use of my picture. I understand that I will not receive any pay or other compensation from the sponsors for their use of my picture under their authorization.

I, THE UNDERSIGNED, BEING OF LAWFUL AGE, DO HEREBY FOR HEIRS, MY EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND MYSELF, RELEASE RASSA, its Commissioner, Board of Directors, League Directors, Managers, and Players from any and all liability for any loss, cost, damage, or injury of any kind which I may incur as a result in whole or in part of my participation in the **2023 RASSA Season**.

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact's Phone: _____