

# BPAA Softball Code of Conduct

The BPAA Softball Committee believes good sportsmanship is the number one goal of our activities. Because of this, we as the BPAA Softball Committee believe that those who participate in the BPAA Softball program should follow a code of conduct that supports the goal of good sportsmanship.

Coach, player or spectator intimidation of game umpires and violations of league rules will result in a game forfeiture. Umpires have authority to monitor and discipline any individual within the ballpark during the game. The decision of the umpire is final in all cases.

## Sportsmanship Code

### Everyone

- Treat opponents, coaches and umpires with respect.
- Respect the property of others.
- Know and follow the rules of Softball.
- Recognize and appreciate a good play no matter who makes it.

### Coaches

- Know, teach, and follow the rules of Softball.
- Accept the decisions of umpires without showing inappropriate emotions.
- Avoid public displays of criticism in front of players and spectators.
- Exercise self-control at all times. This sets the example for others to follow.
- Teach and encourage good sportsmanship.

### Players

- Treat opponents with respect at all times.
- Avoid improper gestures and language.
- Respect the judgments of the umpires.
- Exercise self-control at all times. This sets the example for others to follow.
- Win without boasting. Lose without excuses. **Never quit.**

### Parents and Guardians and Spectators

- Respect the judgments of the umpires.
- Avoid improper gestures and language.
- Teach and encourage good sportsmanship.
- Encourage the players with positive comments.

I have read the above Code of Conduct. I understand the Code of Conduct and agree to follow the letter and spirit of the Code.

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Player Name	Division	Team	Date
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Parent or Guardian Name (Printed)	Signature	Date
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Coaches Name (Printed)	Signature	Date
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