



CYSA Coach Code of Conduct

Achieving a high level of sportsmanship from each player starts with you! Attendance at sanctioned CYSA events is a privilege, and not a right. As with all privileges there comes the responsibility to maintain that privilege. One of your coach responsibilities is to conduct yourself in a way that reflects positively on yourself, your players, CYSA, and the game of softball. As a coach, you must remember that you are in an influential position (especially to the players). Thus, how you teach and conduct yourself will be equally, if not more important than what you teach. Coaches who do not conduct themselves appropriately will be subject to discipline with CYSA that could include your suspension / removal from a coaching post in the league. Listed below are behaviors you are expected to exhibit at all times:

- 1) I am responsible for the conduct of the players on my team. I will maintain order and control among all team members before, during and after all games practices. I will not allow players to “roam” the facility unsupervised.
- 2) I am accountable for my team’s “cheering section”. If the “parent” code of conduct is breached, disciplinary action will be taken, up to and including forfeiture of the game (if the guilty party refuses to vacate the premises).
- 3) I will stress participation of all players, not just the more gifted ones. I will try to give each player an equal opportunity to learn the sport, by equalizing practice time as much as possible.
- 4) I will exhibit good sportsmanship at all times.
- 5) I will be a good role model for the behaviors I want my players to emulate. I will set positive examples at practices and games.

- . 6) I will treat each player as an important human being. Each player will have a different personality requiring different needs. I will be sensitive to those differences, and show interest and concern for each team member.
- . 7) I will follow the rules of the game at all times.
- . 8) I will remember that the game is for the players, not the coaches.
- . 9) I will not criticize my players by belittling them.
- . 10) I will control my temper, and not use foul or inappropriate language while participating in softball related activities.
- . 11) I will start and end practices and games on time. I will notify parents, and other impacted parties, of any deviations.
- . 12) I will respect other coaches. If there is a disagreement, I will speak to the coach in private, and / or utilize the Umpire as an arbitrator.
- . 13) I will respect the opposing team, and demand that my players do the same.
- . 14) I will respect the Umpires, and not openly criticize them, or tolerate my team criticizing them. I will remember that they are in control of the game and that they are humans and will make mistakes. Open confrontations with the Umpires are a poor behavioral model for the players and parents. The Umpires will have the last word, even if it results in me being asked to leave the game (ejected).
- . 15) I will not encourage any behaviors that would endanger the health and well being of any player.
- . 16) I will value skill development, fair competition and effort.
- . 17) I will follow all CYSA rules and policies at all times, and ensure that my players do as well.
- . 18) I will show respect to all equipment, supplies and facilities, and demand that my players do also.

- . 19) I will place the emotional and physical development of the players ahead of my personal desire (to win).
- . 20) I will demand an environment for the player that is free of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs, and will refrain from their use at youth sports events.
- 21) I will strive to make this softball experience fun for all players.

I have read and understand the CYSA Baseball/Softball Manager's Code of Conduct. I understand that any violation of this code may result in disciplinary action being taken against me, up to and including removal from my coaching position. This code of conduct will be enforced for the current baseball and softball season.

Signature: _____

Team: _____ Date: _____