



Coach

All members of a team staff should contribute to a positive atmosphere in the dugout. The role of being a coach can be a rewarding experience. As a representative of the SLZGSL, a coach's impact is one players will carry into future seasons. Although softball experience is helpful, your desire to learn the game and become a positive contributor to the league is even greater. Here is a summary of the responsibilities for a SLZGSL coach.

- Demonstrate Sportsmanship
 - Applaud good plays no matter who makes them – encourage your team to do the same.
 - Place the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of any personal desire to win.
 - Keep your comments positive. Don't bad-mouth coaches, players, or game officials. Remember your players are always watching and are always in ear shot of what you say.
- Create a fun and safe environment
 - Ensure positive/fair play opportunities for every player.
 - Be enthusiastic and encourage your players to have a good time.
 - Assist other team staff members in fulfilling their roles.
- Learn the rules
 - Read and understand the SLZGSL modified rules.
 - Familiarize yourself with the USA Softball Official rules.
 - Attends staff development meetings, clinics, and other professional activities to improve coaching performance.
- Organize & Conduct well planned practices
 - Practices should be planned so you can focus on skills needed in the game of softball.
 - Provide effective practice drills focusing on fundamentals.
- Teach the Basics
 - Hitting, Throwing, Catching, Fielding, Baserunning are all areas that should be taught.
 - Keep in mind, players will not learn everything in one season much less one practice.
- Be prepared for Game Days.
 - Spend time preparing your line up ahead of game time.
 - Create a warm up routine for your players to follow ahead of games.
 - Work with the team staff so that everyone is on the same page and can help the team be prepared for the game.