

Code of Conduct for Coaches

Westlake Girls Softball Association

The Westlake Girls Softball Association (WGSA) is committed to providing a safe, fun, and positive environment for all participants. Coaches play a vital role in fostering the values of respect, sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play among players, parents, officials, and opponents. As a coach, you are expected to adhere to the following code of conduct:

- Be a positive role model for your players and always demonstrate appropriate behavior.
- Teach and reinforce the rules, skills, and strategies of softball in a clear and age-appropriate manner.
- Encourage and praise your players for their efforts, achievements, and improvement, regardless of the outcome of the game.
- Treat all players, parents, officials, and opponents with respect and dignity, and refrain from any form of harassment, abuse, or discrimination.
- Avoid any physical contact with players that could be construed as inappropriate, unnecessary, or unwelcome.
- Communicate openly and respectfully with players, parents, and league officials, and address any issues or concerns in a timely and constructive manner.
- Respect the decisions and judgments of the umpires, and refrain from arguing, criticizing, or questioning their calls.
- Accept responsibility for the conduct and actions of your players, assistant coaches, and spectators, and ensure that they follow the code of conduct as well.
- Do not use or tolerate any profanity, obscenity, vulgarity, or offensive language, gestures, or signs.
- Do not use or condone any performance-enhancing drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or illegal substances.
- Do not engage in any unsportsmanlike conduct, such as cheating, taunting, trash-talking, or berating opponents.
- Do not place excessive pressure or expectations on your players or emphasize winning over having fun and learning.

By signing this document, you agree to abide by the code of conduct and understand that any violation may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or termination of your coaching privileges.

Signature: _____

Date: _____