

# RED LAND GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

## COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS

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THE COACH MUST BE AWARE THAT HE OR SHE HAS A TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE, EITHER GOOD OR BAD, IN THE TRAINING OF THE ATHLETE AND THUS, SHALL NEVER PLACE THE VALUE OF WINNING ABOVE THE VALUE OF INSTILLING THE HIGHEST DESIRABLE IDEALS OF CHARACTER.

THE COACH MUST CONSTANTLY UPHOLD THE HONOR AND DIGNITY OF THE RED LAND GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION (RLGSA). IN ALL PERSONAL CONTACT WITH THE ATHLETE, OFFICIALS, FANS, PARENTS, AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC, THE COACH SHALL STRIVE TO SET AN EXAMPLE OF THE HIGHEST ETHICAL AND MORAL CONDUCT.

THE COACH SHALL PROMOTE THE ENTIRE RLGSA ORGANIZATION AND DIRECT HIS OR HER PROGRAM IN HARMONY WITH THE TOTAL RLGSA PROGRAM.

THE COACH SHALL BE THOROUGHLY ACQUAINTED WITH THE LEAGUE RULES AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR INTERPRETATION TO TEAM MEMBERS. THE SPIRIT AND LETTER OF THE RULES SHOULD BE REGARDED AS MUTUAL AGREEMENTS. THE COACH SHALL NOT TRY TO SEEK AN ADVANTAGE BY CIRCUMVENTION OF THE SPIRIT OR LETTER OF THE RULES.

COACHES SHALL ACTIVELY USE THEIR INFLUENCE TO ENHANCE SPORTSMANSHIP AMONGST TEAM MEMBERS, PARENTS, AND SPECTATORS.

UMPIRES SHALL HAVE THE RESPECT AND SUPPORT OF THE COACH. THE COACH SHALL NOT INDULGE IN CONDUCT WHICH WILL INCITE PLAYERS OR SPECTATORS AGAINST OFFICIALS. PUBLIC CRITICISM OF OFFICIALS OR PLAYERS IS UNETHICAL AND UNACCEPTABLE.

A COACH SHOULD NOT OPENLY DISCIPLINE A PLAYER. IF DISCIPLINARY ACTION IS NEEDED, IT SHOULD BE BETWEEN THE COACH, THE PLAYER, AND /OR PARENTS.

A COACH SHOULD NOT EXPECT PERFECTION, BUT ONLY THE BEST THE PLAYER HAS TO OFFER.

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PRIVILEGE OF COACHING WITHIN RLGSA IS CONTINGENT UPON ADHERING TO THIS CODE OF ETHICS.

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Signature

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Print Name

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