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**Coaches Code of Conduct**

As a Coach, I promise to:

* Be responsible for my own behavior and the behavior of my players, their parents, and fans during practices, games, and tournaments.
* Demonstrate positive support and encouragement for all players, coaches, and officials.
* Understand that poor sportsmanship toward officials and/or coaches will not be tolerated by the CA Heat Board Board. In the event that a situation like this occurs, a meeting (via in person or phone) will occur with at least 1 CA Heat Board Member. If the behavior is extreme or repeated, this could result in my removal from coaching softball.
* Demonstrate respectful behavior toward opposing coaches, players, and parents.
* Never physically, verbally or mentally harm a child in my care.
* Lead by example and encourage my team members to play by the league rules and respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans and officials.
* Always encourage players to play their best and reach their greatest potential during practices and games.
* Provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol, and abusive language and refrain from their use at all sporting events.
* Make every effort to improve my knowledge of coaching techniques so that I can teach the sport properly to my players.
* Obtain, read and abide by the rules and guidelines for the league, and teach these rules to all players on my team.
* Place all coaching efforts into developing fundamental skills, mental skills, and teamwork skills necessary to produce the most well rounded softball player I can.
* Ensure that that I am never alone with an individual players and never allow my players to be left unattended or unsupervised at a game or practice.
* Never knowingly permit an injured player to play or return to the game without proper medical approval.
* Ensure that all equipment used by my players is safe and conforms to the rules of the game. I shall not allow illegal or unsafe equipment to be used.
* Ensure that player get exposure and playing time at multiple positions as long as it is safe to do so.
* Begin and end practices on time.
* Ensure all players have an opportunity to try play in the games and try new positions.
* Allow room for mistakes and avoid “over-coaching”.
* Create a playing environment that is well-organized, professional, and FUN!

Signed\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_