



## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

**As a head coach or assistant coach of LCGSA**, my primary role is to teach ALL kids assigned to his/her team the fundamental skills of baseball/softball in a fun, challenging and safe way. This includes teaching each player how to properly bat and how to play multiple positions on the defense. Coaches agree to attend any skill sessions that may be required by the Board of Directors and, moreover, any first aid courses that may be mandated by the Board. Coaches shall remain unconditionally supportive of the Organization's commitment to the ideals of a positive and fun atmosphere, good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, Skill development, safety, courage and respect for authority. Winning "at all costs" is not an acceptable attitude.

### **Coaches agree to follow these principles:**

- Coaches will teach the game of softball to the best of their ability, but will continually work to improve their own understanding of the skills of the game and how to teach those skills.
- Coaches will be positive role models and will do their best to provide a positive experience for the players and for the parents.
- Coaches will display and teach their players the principals of good sportsmanship, respect and team play whether the team is winning or losing.
- Coaches will provide organized team practices each week that will provide for the development of both team and individual skills and will make full effort to provide practices that are both fun and challenging for the players.
- Coaches will not ridicule or demean players, umpires or league officials. (using profanity or making personal or malicious remarks towards opponents, fans or officials. )
- Coaches will be responsible for the conduct of their players and the parents during games.
- Coaches will treat all players, parents, spectators and league officials with respect.
- Coaches will not tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well-being of a child.
- Coaches will comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policy and procedure as established or endorsed by LCGSA.
- Coaches will be drug and alcohol free while at any LCGSA event.
- Maintain and develop an understanding of current USSA/ASA Fastpitch and LCGSA Modified Interlock Rules.
- Make sure players are legally equipped and properly attired for practices and competition so as to prevent potential injury.
- Coaches and Assistant Coaches are required to maintain ASA ACE certification.
- Coaches will abide by rules and regulations set by the LCGSA Board regarding player recruitment and team building.
- Coaches will escalate all issues to the Director of Coaches.
- Coaches will be assigned several shifts for their team to work in the Concession Stand. Failure to have these shifts manned by two team parents will result in a one game team forfeit for each shift missed.
- Coaches will support the Organization and support the growth of membership by not engaging in recruiting away from the league both within the team you are associated as well as other teams within the league.

### **CONSEQUENCES**

All coaches of LCGSA are subject to consequences which may lead to discipline or possible termination of membership as determined necessary by the LCGSA Board of Directors due to failure to comply with the Code of Conduct. All coaches agree to abide by these rules as part of their registration in the program. It is the responsibility of all coaches to be familiar with the guidelines set forth in the Code of Conduct. I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, board member/director of coaches, or head of league organization
- Written warning
- Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- Game forfeit for team due to excessive coach/parent/player violation of conduct rules
- Suspension for the remainder of the season
- Permanent ban from coaching and/or child[ren] participating in the league

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Coach Name

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Coach Signature

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Date

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