



Coaches Code of Conduct

We, the Murfreesboro Softball League, have implemented the following Coaches Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of coaches in youth sports. All Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Dugout Helpers should read, understand and sign this form prior to their participation in our league.

Any Coach guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Violations deemed excessive or repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

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- ◆ Coaches will remember that youth participate to have fun and that the game is for youths, not adults.
- ◆ Coaches will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league and adhere to all.
- ◆ Coaches will be a positive role model for players and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game and practice.
- ◆ Coaches will never engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, parent or fan such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands; or using profane or derogatory language or gestures.
- ◆ Coaches will never lay a hand upon, push shove, strike or threaten an official, coach, player, parent, fan or any representative of the league.
- ◆ Coaches will never be guilty of the use of profane, obscene vulgar, or disrespectful language in any manner at any time.
- ◆ Coaches will never be guilty of smoking while in the sports complex.
- ◆ Coaches will never appear on the field of play or anywhere in the sports complex while in an intoxicated state. Intoxicated will be defined as an odor or behavior issue.
- ◆ Coaches will never be guilty of public discussions in a derogatory or abusive manner of any play, decision or a personal opinion of any players or representative of the league in regards to a game or decision by an official.
- ◆ Coaches will never be guilty of adding a player to their roster or onto the field of play that is not authorized by the league.
- ◆ Coaches will hold all discussions in conversational tones and be approachable to players and parents.
- ◆ Coaches will recognize softball is a game of interpretations and as a result differences of opinion may occur, all will be handled in a respectful manner. Head Coaches only will address the official to discuss a call. Off field discussions will be addressed with the Division Commissioner and/or the UIC and/or the League Director.
- ◆ Coaches will understand some officials are in training and that all are humans and subject to occasional mistakes. Coaches will give the umpires the respect their position within the game deserves.
- ◆ Coaches will ensure their players and fans of the team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times during practices and games.
- ◆ Coaches will make certain that authorized coaches and players are the only persons allowed in dugouts and on the field of play.
- ◆ Coaches will maintain open communication with players and parents to inform them of practices, games and other responsibilities in a timely & efficient manner.
- ◆ Coaches will conduct practices in an organized manner, with a planned agenda that focuses on specific development appropriate for the skill level of players.
- ◆ Coaches will be responsible for caring for league equipment and return the equipment in good working order to the league after the season.

Coaches Signature

Date Signed

Team Name & Number