

# Coach Code of Conduct

**I hereby pledge to live up to the following SGSA Coaching Code of Conduct:**

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will let the officials officiate the game without having to deal with negativity from my players, my team's parents, or me. If I have a question for an official, I will ask the question at an appropriate time and in a respectful manner.
- I will remember to treat each player as an individual and the large spread of emotional and physical development that can exist even for the same age group.
- I promise to review and practice the necessary first aid principles needed to treat injuries to my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of fastpitch softball, and that I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for the players.
- I will demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free sports environment for my team and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all games and practices.
- If there is an overnight travel event for the team, I will refrain at all times during the trip from the use of any drugs or alcohol. However, a coach may engage in the moderate consumption of alcohol provided the following is true: The alcohol is consumed in compliance with all laws and the consumption occurs after the completion of all practices, games and team meetings for the day.
- I understand that I will not transport players to any practice, game or other SGSA event without written consent of the player's parents.

**Coach Name & Team (Printed)**

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**Coach Signature**

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