

NGSSA Coaches Sportsmanship Code of Conduct



I will learn the rules and teach them to my players. I know that failure to understand the rules of the game leads to confusion, frustration and poor sportsmanship.

I will remember that actions always speak louder than words. I will maintain control of my emotions and let my actions be a model of sportsmanship for my players, my assistants, my team parents, and my counterparts on the other team... before, during and after the games.

Sportsmanship always begins with me, the coach. I will be honest and fair with my players. I will find ways to genuinely encourage each player and promote a positive encouraging spirit between players.

I will respect all players, coaches and umpires on the field and teach my players to respect their team mates and their opponents. I will refrain from and actively suppress derogatory comments, negative cheering or chanting which intentionally or unintentionally distracts or demeans opposing players.

I understand that good sportsmanship is everyone's responsibility, but I am more responsible than anyone for setting the tone and the attitude of my team.

I will confront inappropriate behavior when exhibited between my players or directed toward opposition players.

I will remember that mercy and compassion in the context of playing hard and playing fair does not require a rule, and the lessons of sportsmanship last a lifetime.

I will remember that these girls and young women are here to have fun and enjoy the friendships of others. This is a recreational league which encourages the participation of all who seek to play; and players have a wide variety of skills and softball knowledge. In this environment, encouraging sportsmanship and a positive attitude toward team mates and opponents, regardless of ability, is the most important fundamental of the game.

Coach signature

Date

Coach name / team / division

Process instructions – due by first practice

Coaches: sign and submit this form to your division director or any board member.