



Lions Youth Softball Coaches Code of Conduct and Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my team members participating in youth sports by following this Coach's Code of Conduct:

- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the children and not adults.
- I will treat players, coaches, parents, fans, umpires and opponents with respect and dignity.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players and parents. And I am in an influential position and how I teach is equally as important as what I teach.
- As a coaches and/or assistant coach I shall teach players to do the same, and will lead by example, providing a positive role model. I will set positive examples at games and at practices.
- Everyone is important: I will treat each player as an individual and as an important human being. And realizing that each child will develop their skills at a different rate. And I will be sensitive to each player's needs and skills
- I will do my best to organize practices and games that are fun and challenging for the team and everyone involved.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players and I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the players or the coaches. .
- I will teach my team that doing one's best is more important than winning and I will not pressure players to win.
- I will stay calm when my kids make mistakes, helping them learn from their mistakes.
- I will have reasonable and realistic expectations.
- I will emphasize teamwork, and help my players think "we" instead of "me"
- I will never physically or verbally abuse players, coaches, parents, umpires, fans, nor opponents, regardless of the situation.
- I will try to place the players first above all and game second.
- I will teach my players to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence and I will demand that my team treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect no matter what.
- I understand that poor sportsmanship and negativity shall not be tolerated.
- I will support other coaches and officials working with my players, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I understand if I as a coach am ejected from a game that I shall face disciplinary action by the Lions Youth Softball Board with the minimum penalty for the first ejection being suspension from the next game. A second ejection will result in the suspension of any coach, or assistant coach for the remainder of the season subject to evaluation by Lions Youth Softball Program Board.
- I understand that a violation of Personal Conduct may result in dismissal from the organization.

Coaches Signature _____

Date _____

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Director of Coaching _____

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