

WGSL Code of Conduct

Coaches, Players, Parents & Guests

The mission of the WGSL program is to provide for the continuing development of softball skills for young female athletes. All participants should display good sportsmanship, modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat. Remember, participants are opponents not enemies. Be proud of the accomplishments and efforts of all our players. Cheer loudly, freely and in a positive manner. Respect the integrity of the umpires and their judgments, as well as the decisions of our coaches.

The following guidelines stress appropriate behavior while maintaining the integrity and spirit of competition.

COACHES:

Coaches are leaders and are expected to comply with the following principles and ethics:

- Coaches are responsible for their own behavior. In addition, they are responsible for the behavior of their players, parents and team guests. Coaches are expected to display good sportsmanship toward all participants involved in the game (umpires, players, coaches, parents and guests of both teams) at all times. Displays of temper or use of foul or abusive language will not be tolerated.
- Coaches are expected to set an example by not using alcohol, drugs or tobacco products before, during or after the game or practice.
- Coaches are the teams' representatives when dealing with umpires. While they can question an umpire's interpretation of a rule, they cannot argue an umpire's judgment call. Displays of verbal or physical abuse, whether overt or implied, will not be tolerated.
- Coaches are responsible for the safety of their players on and off the field. Coaches may not leave the field until all players have either left or are under the supervision of another adult.

PLAYERS:

- Players are expected to support their team, exhibiting good sportsmanship toward their own teammates, as well as those from the opposing team, before, during and after the game or practice.
- Players may not dispute an umpire's call.
- Players may not display acts of physical or verbal abuse toward the umpires, coaches, players, parents or guests.
- Players are prohibited from throwing or abusing any team equipment before, during or after a game or practice.

- Players are expected to be coachable. Listen to your coaches' instructions. Ask questions if you are unsure what is expected of you. Be a team player by being open to playing new positions and techniques. Be willing to do whatever your team needs you to do.
- Players are prohibited from the use of foul or abusive language.
- Players are prohibited from the use of alcohol, drugs or tobacco products before, during or after a game.

PARENTS AND GUESTS:

- Parents and guests are expected to display good sportsmanship toward all participants involved in the game, including umpires, players, coaches, parents and guests (from both teams) at all times. Displays of temper and use of foul or abusive language will not be tolerated and may result in the ejection of the person(s) involved, or forfeiture of the game.
- Parents and guests may not dispute an umpire's call.
- Parents and guests may not instruct from the sidelines unless asked by the coach. Any parent or guest asked to instruct must have completed their "Child Abuse/Background Check" clearances from WGSL.
- Parents and guests are prohibited from entering the field of play at any time without the permission of the umpires or coach.
- Parents and guests are prohibited from using alcohol, drugs or tobacco products before, during or after a game or practice (while in the accompaniment of players or in the vicinity of the game/practice location).
- Parents and guests are to provide support for the head coach and coaching staff in order to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
- Parents and guests are to bring players on-time to practices and at least 15 - 30 minutes before game times, as per coaches' instructions. If you must leave, please return prior to completion of the practice or game.
- Parents and guests are to teach their children to treat other players, coaches, fans and umpires with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.