

## **Coaches Code of Conduct**

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win. I am a youth sports coach, the game is for youth and not adults.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development of players based on age.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players and will review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries.
- In all personal contact with players, coaches, umpires and parents, I will set an example of high ethical and moral conduct. Demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of fast pitch softball and will teach these rules to my players. I shall not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
- I will exert my influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely with other coaches and umpires.
- I will respect and support umpires and will not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the umpires. Public criticism of officials, coaches or players is unethical.
- Coaches should meet and exchange cordial greetings to set the correct tone for the event before and after the contest.
- Failure to abide by the aforementioned Code of Conduct may subject a coach to one or more of the following disciplinary actions:
  - o A written warning.
  - O A one or more game suspension served at the game or not in attendance at all.
  - A suspension for the remainder of the season in which you may not participate or be present at games, functions, and practices.
  - O A permanent suspension from any future participation in the Shoreline League.
- All disciplinary actions and decisions will be made by the Shoreline League Board. All decisions are final.