



The Whitby Girls Softball Association (WGSA) seeks to ensure that all WGSA softball games and activities are fair, positive, and enjoyable experiences for all of the children and adults involved. Participation in WGSA activities should be friendly and unifying -- a spirited social and instructional athletic occasion for players, coaches, umpires, and spectators.

## Coach's Code of Conduct

- I will treat the other coaches, umpires, spectators, my team and opposing teams with respect.
- I will treat everyone fairly within the context of the activity, regardless of skill level, gender, ethnic background, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
- I will remember that I am in a position of trust and will never place myself in a situation which might bring that trust into question, including being alone with a player.
- I will remember that my behaviour reflects upon my town, my association and my team. I will at all times endeavour to make that reflection positive.
- I understand that this is a recreational league, and that the objective is for the players to gain an understanding of the game, improve skills and learn about good sportsmanship.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of the players on both teams ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will offer constructive feedback in an effort to improve the skills of the players.
- I will be enthusiastic and generous with praise.
- I will offer encouragement to the players on both teams.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are instructional, fun and challenging for all players, seeking whatever knowledge and assistance necessary.
- I will accept responsibility for the sportsmanship and conduct of my players and their parents. I will hold a meeting in the preseason to explain and discuss these expectations.
- I will encourage parent participation.
- I will familiarize myself with the WGSA Rule Book, comply with all WGSA rules and teach the players these rules.
- I will respect the decisions of the umpires and league officials.
- I understand that at some levels of play, umpires are sometimes young and inexperienced, requiring even more patience and support.
- I will support the WGSA's goal of promoting a healthy lifestyle, including not smoking during game and practice time.
- At all times I will remember that softball is a game, and the first objective is to have fun! I can contribute to this by maintaining a positive attitude in my behaviour and language so as to promote increased self-esteem in and enjoyment for the players.

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Coach's Signature

*Unwillingness to abide by this Code of Conduct may result in the removal of a Coach from his/her duties.*