

Vista Girls Softball 2008 Manager's/Coach's Code of Conduct

As a manager/coach participating in the Vista Girls Softball League, I agree to conduct myself in accordance with the following rules and standards of conduct.

1. Coaches will do their best to help each child discover and nurture his or her respective talents and to help each child gain confidence in his or her playing abilities.
2. Coaches will teach players how to function as a team player.
3. Coaches will teach the fundamental skills of fast pitch softball.
4. Coaches will give each player adequate playing time, to promote the development of softball skills in game situations.
5. Coaches will always remember to treat each player as an individual, remembering the large spread of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
6. Coaches will always place the emotional and physical well being of our players ahead of any personal drive to win.
7. Coaches will always emphasize that winning is the result of good teamwork.
8. Coaches will emphasize the importance of good sportsmanship, and will act as a role model in that regard.
9. Coaches will refrain from harsh criticism, and will encourage players with a positive approach and constructive criticism only.
10. Coaches will never criticize, belittle, antagonize, berate, or otherwise incite an opposing team, its players, coaches, or fans by word of mouth or by gesture.
11. Coaches will always accept decisions of the umpires on the field as being fair and called to the best ability of the officials.
12. Coaches will never protest an official's call in an aggressive, demonstrative manner, which might incite violent or aggressive fan involvement.
13. Coaches will be responsible for the conduct and control of team fans and spectators. Any spectator who becomes a nuisance and out of control will be asked to leave. Remember your team and fan reaction will be in step with your reaction.
14. Coaches will never "pile it on"; or encourage your team to get a commanding lead and raise the score as high as you can. If there is a big lead, every effort should be made to let all players play.
15. Coaches will never deliberately incite or participate in unsportsmanlike conduct. Instead, always lead by example, demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all of the players.
16. Coaches will always remember that you are a youth manager, coach, or volunteer, and that the game/program is for the kids and not the adult's lust for glory.
17. Coaches shall not use profanity, either in games or practices.
18. Coaches shall not be verbally or physically aggressive or abusive toward any player, parent, spectator, umpire, or league official. Violation of this rule will result in immediate ejection from the current game and removal from the league.
19. Coaches shall not participate in any practice, game, or other league-sanctioned function while under the influence of illicit drugs or alcohol. Violation of this rule will result in immediate removal from the field and immediate suspension from the league.
20. Coaches ejected from a game for any reason will automatically be suspended for the next game, warm-ups and all practices leading to that game. The offending coach will also be required to appear before the board and explain his or her actions, and may be subject to further disciplinary action. The Board will have one week from the date of the incident to arrange a hearing, at which five board members must be present.

Other violations you might not realize-

21. Not playing the children the minimum amount of playing time is a violation of the Coach's Code of Conduct. (unless a disciplinary action approved by the player agent is in effect).
22. Remember all players are on one team. Please include all players when planning team events.

As a manager/coach participating in the Vista Girls Softball League, I agree to abide by the rules and standards of conduct set forth above. I also agree to attend any and all Manager/Coach's meetings. Finally, I agree that by signing below, I understand that the above serves as my only warning; and that violation of any of the above rules or standards of conduct may result in my immediate removal from the league or I may not be asked back next season to manage/coach.

Please Print Name

Signature

Date