

SRSA Manager's Code of Conduct

All Managers and Coaches in the Scripps Ranch Softball Association are expected to abide by the following Code of Conduct. Failure to follow the SRSA code of conduct may result in sanctions for the coach including, but not limited to, a verbal or written warning, game forfeiture, suspension, or expulsion from the league.

Coaches are required to promptly report any violation of this code they observe, whether by a member of their own team, or a member of another, to the SRSA Board President, Vice President, Director of Coaching, or Player Agent.

Keep in mind that at all times, when acting as a youth sports coach in the SRSA league, you must remember that the recreational experience is for the children, not for the adults.

With that in mind, SRSA asks all coaches to:

Communicate in a positive way.

- Use positive coaching methods to make the experience enjoyable for players, increase their self-esteem, and foster in them a true sense of enjoyment of the sport.
- Model grace, dignity, and composure regardless of the outcome of the game. Public displays of displeasure before, during, or after a game are not acceptable behavior.
- Use of foul or offensive language while in the presence of the girls is strictly forbidden.
- All manner of personal abuse and harassment of others, whether verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual is strictly forbidden.
- Treat umpires, coaches, and parents with respect and dignity, and instruct players and their parents to do the same. Managers and Coaches are expected to express any dissatisfaction calmly and quietly. If dissatisfaction stems from an umpire's call, opposing coach's behavior, or the actions of a heckling opponent, openly arguing in response is not acceptable behavior. Furthermore, SRSA holds our coaches to a high standard; the fact that another team displays poor behavior or sportsmanship does not justify poor behavior in response. SRSA coaches will be held accountable by the board for their actions alone.
- Managers and Coaches are responsible for the behavior of all members of their teams (players, parents, fans, etc.).

Provide a safe environment.

- Encourage safe play at all times and report any unsafe playing conditions to the SRSA.
- The use of alcohol or tobacco products on the fields during SRSA youth sporting events is strictly forbidden.

Teach the fundamentals of softball and follow all league/divisions rules.

- Observe all player participation rules and strive to make each player feel as if she is a valuable member of the team, regardless of any physical or developmental limitation she may have.
- Teach the principles of fair play and good sportsmanship to players and model these principles for them at all times.
- Learn the rules of the game and teach those rules to your players and their parents to the best of your ability.