



## Coach Code of Conduct

1. I promise to treat everyone fairly abiding by appropriate MGSA Rules, Policies and ASA rules and in compliance with the spirit of MYBA's mission statement, regardless of gender, ethnic background, color, sexual orientation and professionalism, religion, political belief or economic status. I will display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved in MGSA (players, coaches, opponents, umpires, administrators, parents and spectators).
2. I will direct comments at the performance rather than the person. I promise to be constructive in my criticisms and to direct comments, observations and referrals to the relevant individuals; to avoid gossip, innuendo and malicious comments. I will refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players and others, including verbal, physical or emotional abuse.
3. I will consistently display high personal standards and project a favorable image of MGSA.
4. I will not engage in public criticism of fellow coaches. I promise to respect the efforts of appointed and elected representatives of MGSA.
5. Use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco products is strictly prohibited while engaged in MGSA activity. I will never advocate or condone the use drugs or other banned performance enhancing substances.
6. Use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language while coaching is grounds for game ejection with subsequent infractions resulting in dismissal from MGSA. I will not tolerate use profane language or player taunts toward opposing team by my players, parents, spectators or assistant coaches.
7. I will seek continual improvement of my coaching techniques through available coach education materials and seminars.
8. I promise to treat opponents, umpires and MGSA officials with respect, both in victory and defeat and encourage athletes to act accordingly. I agree to adhere to MGSA policies and procedures.
9. I promise to communicate with all my players and parents or legal guardians regarding my coaching style, philosophy, position assignments decisions and any team activities outside practices or games. I will stress parental involvement in improving their child's softball skills.
10. I will strive to ensure the safety of the players with whom I work; at practice and during the game.
11. I acknowledge I must be aware of the academic pressures placed on players and conduct practices and games in a manner so as to allow academic success.

**I understand that if I violate this Code of Conduct I will be subject to a range of consequences, up to and including being prohibited from coaching in MGSA as ruled by Board of Directors.**