



## RBGSL Coach's Pledge

The undersigned acknowledges that they have read and fully understood the RBGSL Operation Rules and is willing and able to abide by and enforce those rules upon certification as a Head Coach or Assistant Coach, whichever the case may be. The undersigned also agrees that they will be held accountable to the Operating Rules as well as the disciplinary provisions if any such actions are required.

Please read, initial each item, and sign at the time you are approved by the Board as coach.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ I pledge to teach and honor the R.O.O.T.S. of the game (for: **R**ules, **O**pponents, **O**fficials, **T**eammates, and one's **S**elf.) Even in the face of adversity (ie an umpire blows a call which costs my team the game), I will maintain a positive outlook and remember that I am setting an example for the girls on my team by my behavior.
  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ I pledge to abide by the Positive Coaching Alliance's principle of redefining what it means to be a "winner" in terms of mastery, not just by the scoreboard:
  - I will teach players the ELM Tree of Mastery (**E**ffort, **L**earning, and bouncing back from **M**istakes.)
  - I will help players quickly rebound from mistakes (ie using a "Team Mistake Ritual" like flushing mistakes)
  - I will reward effort, not just good outcomes. I will look to recognize players for outstanding effort, even if it was unsuccessful.
  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ I pledge to use encouragement and positive reinforcement as my primary method of motivating.
  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ I pledge to work out any parent or player issues within my own team first, but if unsuccessful, will request the assistance of the Board by elevating the issue to the Division Representative.
  
5. \_\_\_\_\_ I pledge to commit to working in the best interests of all the girls. Quitting doesn't help the girls. Any differences I have or appeals I make will be settled by the Board and I will support their decision.

I will honor the RBGSL Coach's Pledge in my words and actions. I acknowledge that failure to abide by the Operating Rules of RBGSL and the various terms of the RBGSL Coach's Pledge will result in disciplinary action by the Board up to and including removing me as coach and not allowing me to coach in the future.

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Coach's Signature

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Coach's Printed Name

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Date