

West Covina Girls Softball Manager's Code of Conduct

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

As such, we jointly expect all league coaches to conform to the following code of conduct:

During Practice

- Treat everyone fairly within the context of the activity, regardless of gender, ethnic background, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief or economic status.
- Direct comments at the performance, rather than the person.
- Provide a safe playing situation for the players by ensuring that the activity being undertaken is suitable for the age, experience, ability and fitness level of the players, and by educating players as to their responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment.
- Review and practice the basic first-aid principles needed to treat player injuries.
- Hold a minimum of one, and no more than three practices a week during the season (weather and game schedule permitting). Limit practices to two hours or less. A third practice will be on a volunteer basis only.
- Do your best to organize practices that are instructional, fun and challenging for all players.
- Be knowledgeable in the rules of the game and teach these rules to the players.

During the Game

- Lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players.
- Place the emotional and physical well being of the players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- Refrain from public criticism of fellow coaches.
- Exchange friendly greetings with opposing coaches prior to the start of each game and immediately upon its conclusion.
- Accept responsibility for the sportsmanship and conduct of your players and their parents. Hold a meeting in the preseason to explain and discuss your expectations.
- Abstain from/discourage the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco in conjunction with the sport.
- Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language while coaching.

With Umpires

- Demonstrate respect and support for all umpires, and encourage your players, parents and spectators to do the same.
- Recognize that at some levels of play, umpires are sometimes young and inexperienced, requiring even more of your patience and support.
- Treat umpires in a courteous manner at all times, and be sure that you and your players thank the umpire after the game.
- Address all comments and concerns about league umpires in writing to the League Umpire in Chief. Present your comments/concerns in a calm, objective and rational manner.

Off the Field

- Take advantage of any opportunities to develop and enhance your coaching ability and skills.
- Attend and fully participate in league/division meetings and activities involving coaches.
- Communicate clearly and consistently with players, player parents, team staff members, and league representatives.

Managers who do not follow the expectations as outlined above will be disciplined or removed.

I, _____, agree to abide by the expectations as outlined in the West Covina Girls Softball Manager's Code of Conduct.

Date: _____ Signature: _____