

MVASA Softball

Code of Conduct

Players:

1. Follow and play by the rules.
2. Never argue with a sports official. If you disagree, have your captain, coach or manager positively approach the official.
3. Control your temper at all times. Verbal abuse of officials and verbalizing other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable behaviors in any sport.
4. Work hard for yourself and your team.
5. Be a good sport. Applaud all skillful plays whether they are made by your team or the competitors.
6. Treat all participants in your sport as you like to be treated.
7. Cooperate with your coach, team-mates and opponents.
8. Participate for your own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents, coaches and teachers. If you are not having fun, tell your coach or parent. If the coach doesn't change to make it fun, notify the League President.
9. Respect the rights of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Parents:

1. Always remember that kids participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage kids to participate, do not force them.
3. Be positive on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
4. Always encourage kids to play according to the rules following the code of conduct.
5. Never make negative comments to a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
6. Remember that kids learn best by watching great role models.
7. Reinforce the stance on removing verbal and physical abuse from kids' sports games.
8. Always respect the officials' decisions and teach kids to do likewise.
9. Always show appreciation for volunteer sports coaches, officials and club administrators.
10. Respect the rights of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

Coaches:

1. Always remember that kids participate for pleasure, enjoyment and winning is only part of the fun.
2. Never use negative ridicule or yell at children for making a mistake or not winning.
3. Be considerate and reasonable in your demands on kids' time, energy and enthusiasm. Kids sports is only one part of their busy lives.
4. Always operate within the code of conduct, rules and fair spirit of your sport and instruct the kids to do the same.
5. Always ensure that the time kids spend with you as coach is a positive experience. All kids are deserving of equal attention and opportunities.
6. Try to avoid overplaying the talented more skillful kids.
7. Ensure that sporting equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players.
8. Display control, respect and professionalism to all involved within the sport. This includes opponents, coaches, officials, administrators, the media, parents and other spectators. Encourage players to do the same, be a great role model.
9. Always show concern toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a trained medical trainer when determining whether an injured child is ready to recommence training and competition.
10. Where appropriate obtain qualifications and keep up to date with the latest coaching practices and the latest principles of growth and development of children.
11. Any physical contact with a child should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development or medical care.
12. Respect the rights of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

It is essential that the three parties (players, parents and sports coaches/officials) receive a copy of the Code of Conduct for Kids Sports at the commencement of any season. It must be read, understood and most importantly adhered to.

Coaches should take the time to discuss the codes contents with the children.

Coaches and managers should also ensure parents are made aware of their responsibilities.

REMEMBER THE GOLDEN RULE AND ADULTS REMEMBER YOU ARE ROLE MODELS!!!