



## **CODE OF CONDUCT – COACHES**

As a leader representing the Folsom Softball Club, your example is powerful, for better or worse. If you insist on fair play, if you concentrate on your players' enjoyment of the game and their overall, long term development, and if you support the umpire, your players and their parents will notice. If you allow your players to compete outside the rules, if you're overly concerned about results, and if you criticize the umpire harshly, your players and their parents will also notice. Think about what you're doing during on and off the field. Uphold the spirit of the game and remember the final score isn't always written in a book.

### **AS A FOLSOM SOFTBALL CLUB COACH, I WILL:**

1. Teach and abide by the rules of the game.
2. Demand good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and association representatives.
3. Encourage that players be proud of their performance, but not satisfied with it.
4. Demand and honor that all players, coaches, officials, volunteers and spectators are treated with respect regardless of race, gender, creed or ability.
5. Refrain from ridiculing or berating your players or others for a mistake or for losing a competition.
6. Respect the officials and their authority. Avoid questioning their decisions in a loud, disrespectful, threatening or abusive manner.
7. Respect the coaches and players from the opposing team during the play of the game and at its conclusion, win or lose.
8. Refrain from the use of profanity, obscene language or improper actions and maintain control of your emotions such as throwing items in anger.
9. Support a sports environment that is free of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco and refrain from use at games, practices, and tournaments.
10. Ensure fans of my team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity.

11. Treat each athlete as an individual and help her reach her full potential.
12. Remember that the game is for the girls, not the adults.
13. Respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time in support of FSC.
14. Attend FSC coaching clinics to understand rule changes, policy changes, and strive to improve my coaching abilities.
15. Demonstrate respect for public property and equipment and ensure a safe environment for players. Ensure players are not left alone following practices or games.
16. After the game, thank the umpire and ask my players to do the same.
17. Complaints against an umpire will be reported to the league or tournament representatives in an objective and formal manner.

FSC leaders who don't meet the expectations described above will be disciplined and/or asked to leave the organization. I have read and understand the above Code of Conduct, and agree to abide by its guidelines at team and FSC activities. I also acknowledge that failure to follow these guidelines will result in action which may include suspension or removal from the Folsom Softball Club.

Printed Name of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Agreement Signed: \_\_\_\_\_