

Fair Play Code for Officials

I will:

- ✓ make sure that every athlete has a reasonable opportunity to perform to the best of his/her abilities, within the limit of the rules
- ✓ avoid or put to an end to any situation that threatens the safety of participants
- ✓ maintain a healthy atmosphere and environment for competition
- ✓ foster the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play
- ✓ be consistent and objective in making all decisions
- ✓ handle all conflicts firmly but with dignity and respect
- ✓ accept my role as a teacher and role model for fair play to all participants in softball
- ✓ manage the game in a positive, calm and confident manner
- ✓ foster the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play
- ✓ prepare physically and mentally for my duties

I will not:

- ✓ permit the intimidation of anyone by either word or action. I will not tolerate unacceptable conduct toward myself, other officials, athletes, coaches, or spectators
- ✓ tolerate offensive, insulting or abusive language or behaviour
- ✓ in any way act to reward, to demonstrate personally, nor to condone in others unfair play

Consequences

An official who does not meet the standards of responsibility and behaviour expected by his/her league, association or Softball Ontario will face further disciplinary action.

Enforcement

Member Associations are responsible for the initial administration of discipline.

Softball Ontario reserves the right to defend and protect all stakeholders from abusive situations.

The Code of Conduct for Officials was developed by Softball Ontario's Respect My Game Committee, as part of the 'Respect My Game – Participant's Handbook'. PDF Copies of the Participant Handbook are available online at www.softballontario.ca.

