



LACOMBE GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION Coach Code of Conduct

Youth sports programs play an essential role in promoting children's physical, social, and emotional development. Parents and Coaches need to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. It is the expectation of the Lacombe Girls Softball Association that all adults involved in youth sports should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example, demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control.

As a Coach, I hereby agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct:

1. I will abide by the Lacombe Girls Softball Association (LGSA) and Softball Alberta rules set forth.
2. I will not engage in any behavior that will endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee.
3. I will not ridicule or yell at players on my team for making mistakes or performing poorly. I will remember that children play to have fun and be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
4. I will refrain from offensive language. I will not use derogatory language related to race, gender, or sexual orientation.
5. I will remember that players need a coach they can respect. I will set a good example for my players and parents.
6. I will remember that I represent the LGSA. I will act as a role model for the players and responsibly conduct myself during all LGSA related events.
7. I will treat all umpires with respect, recognizing that softball rules involve judgment calls. Should I need to address the umpire, I will do so by using the appropriate methods of appeal during the game and avoiding aggressive behavior on the field.
8. I will refrain from using alcohol, tobacco, and drugs before or while participating/coaching at a youth event.
9. I will check the equipment and facilities that we use to ensure they meet safety standards and are appropriate for the age and ability of my players.
10. I will ensure I have the proper coaching certifications and complete a Vulnerable & Criminal records check.
11. I will abide by the LGSA Uniform Policy and any current or pending amendments.
12. All Diamond use and Umpire communication will be sent to the LGSA Vice President. No Coach or volunteer will contact the City of Lacombe or Umpire directly.
13. After the softball season, I will promptly return all the equipment and uniforms to LGSA.

I acknowledge I have read and will comply with this LGSA Code of Conduct for Coaches. I accept responsibility for my actions and understand I may be subject to LGSA disciplinary action should I fail to comply.

Name of Coach

Signature

Date