



## Policy Statement

### Code of Conduct

The members of Olds Minor Softball agree that there is an expected level of conduct that is required to be met for all coaches. Coaches failing to abide by the code set forth may be subjected to discipline as deemed appropriate by the executive's interpretation of the bylaws. Submission of an application for membership is deemed to be an acceptance of the Code of Conduct.

The following Codes of Conduct have been adopted from Softball Alberta.

In addition to the following codes, Olds Minor Softball employs the 24 hour rule. Members are expected to self impose a 24 hour "cooling off" period before addressing a concern of any type with another member. If the member fails to self impose this rule, the other member may call the rule in effect and postpone the exchange for 24 hours.

## COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

If players are to grow and develop in their sport or physical activity, and environment of positive communication and respect must exist. Coaches should observe the following Code of Conduct.

- I will remember that all the players are playing for their enjoyment, not for mine.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire or external pressure to win.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing environment for all players.
- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that the amateur athletes are not professionals and cannot be judged by professional standards.
- I will respect the official's decisions and communicate with them in an appropriate manner and I will encourage my players to do the same.
- I will encourage all players to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

- I will teach my players good sportsmanship.
- I will never ridicule or yell at the players, coaches or officials for making a mistake.
- I will applaud good players' performances on both teams.
- I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public.
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- I will not consume alcohol, marijuana or other drugs, or smoke on, or near the vicinity of the players' benches.
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass athletes, coaches, officials or other spectators.
- I will be knowledgeable of the league rules and regulations and teach these rules to the players on my team.
- I will encourage my players to respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans & officials.
- I will be responsible for my own behaviour and also the behaviour of my team members, their parents & fans.
- I will have respect for all the facilities and equipment used in the sport.