



River City Softball Code of Conduct for Coaches, Players, Travelling Players, Spectators, and Parents/Legal Guardians

Coaches:

If players are to grow and develop in their sport or physical activity, an 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, and the primary objective is to promote an environment for them to develop a "Love of the Game".
- The emotional and physical well-being of our players is the primary factor in our coaching philosophy
- I will commit to the best of my abilities to provide a safe playing environment for all players
- I will maintain realistic 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 encourage effort and dedication
- 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 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 behavior, my coaching staff and also the behavior of my team members, their parents & fans
- I will have respect for all the facilities and equipment used in the sport.

Players:

- I will not have unrealistic expectations. I will remember that we 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 teammates to do the same
- I will encourage my teammates to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- I will exhibit good sportsmanship
- I will never ridicule or yell at my teammates, opponents, coaches, or officials for making a mistake
- I will applaud 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
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- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass opponents, coaches, officials, or spectators
- I will be knowledgeable of the rules and regulations
- I will respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans & officials
- I will be responsible for my own behavior
- I will have respect for all the facilities and equipment used in the sport

Travelling Players:

River City Softball (RCS) teams may participate in tournaments out of town, out of province or out of country. Specific conduct from RCS players is expected when representing their team and association while on such trips.

- The possession or use of alcohol, tobacco products or controlled substances by any athlete of RCS of Edmonton is prohibited throughout the duration of the trip.
- Possession of inappropriate or explicit material is prohibited. This applies to computers, books, magazines, movies, social media, etc.
- Players are to refrain from use of inappropriate language.
- Curfews established by chaperones and coaches will be adhered to each day of travel. Likewise, it will be the responsibility of the athlete to awake at a designated hour and eat an adequate breakfast before training.
- Team members and staff traveling with the team will attend all team functions including meetings, practices, meals, meet sessions, etc. unless otherwise excused or instructed by the head coach or his/her designee.
- Players are expected to remain with the team at all times during the trip. Players are not to leave the competition venue, the hotel, a restaurant, or any other place at which the team has gathered without the permission/knowledge of the coach or chaperone.
- When visiting public places such as shopping malls, movie theaters, etc. Players will stay in groups of no less than three persons.
- Team members must wear seat belts and remain seated in vehicles.
- Team members will display proper respect and sportsmanship toward coaches, officials, administrators, teammates, chaperones, fellow competitors and the public at all times.
- Team members will refrain from any illegal or inappropriate behavior that would detract from a positive image of RCS of Edmonton or be detrimental to its performance.
- Any additional guidelines for the RCS of Edmonton Traveling Team will be established as needed by the head coach.
- The directions & decisions of coaches/chaperones are final.

Spectators:

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

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- 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 I will encourage participants and other spectators to do the



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- I will encourage all participants to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- I will never ridicule or yell at the players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- 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 respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time to the athletes / sport
- I will not consume alcohol 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 have respect for all the facilities and equipment used in the sport

Parents/Legal Guardians:

If athletes are to grow and develop in their sport or physical activity, an environment of positive communication and respect must exist. Parents should observe the following Code of Conduct with their child athletes.

- I will remember that all the players are playing for their enjoyment, and the primary objective is to promote an environment for them to develop a "Love of the Game".
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence
- I will encourage my child to respect the rights of other players, coaches, fans & officials
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game/event
- I will support my child offering praise for competing fairly and putting forth an honest effort
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition
- I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good players' performances by both my child's team and their opponents
- I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public
- I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities
- I will respect and show appreciation for the trained volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child, understanding that I have a responsibility to be part of my child's development
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team
- I will educate & encourage my child to treat other players, coaches, officials, & spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability
- I will demand an environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sporting events
- I will have respect for all the facilities and equipment used in the sport.