

Guiding Principles for Umpires

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TRUSTWORTHINESS involves integrity and honesty
RESPECT is what we show each other through sportsmanship
RESPONSIBILITY is being accountable and prepared
FAIRNESS is making sure everyone competes honourably
CARING is showing compassion for each person's role
CIVILITY is having consideration for others while playing

By setting high standards of excellence for our own performance, we can exemplify the same pillars of character that we ask others to model.

Umpires are committed to:

- Following the Code of Ethics, being professional, having the utmost integrity, and possessing an individual quest for excellence in preparation and performance.
- Being a positive part of the umpiring community, sharing and growing together for the betterment of umpiring and the game.
- Being a part of the educational process, assisting in the education of athletes through positive enforcement of sportsmanship guidelines, enforcing rules in a consistent manner, and working with our member associations to enhance the softball experience.

Purpose:

Umpiring is an integral part of the game. We must recognize that the need for trained and qualified umpires requires a great investment by instructors, evaluators and the umpires to steadily improve their skill sets.

- Aiding athletes, coaches, officials and spectators in acquiring thorough knowledge of playing rules in softball.
- Encouraging observance of the spirit and letter of playing rules and ethical codes on all occasions.
- Encouraging and assisting interested men and women to become qualified umpires.
- Fostering the spirit of sportsmanship and fair play.

Umpire Code of Ethics

It shall be the responsibility of an umpire to follow the directions provided in the following Umpire's Code of Ethics. Violation of the Code of Ethics may result in a sanction to the offending party.

An Umpire shall:

- Place the welfare of the individual athlete above all other considerations.
- Maintain confidence and control from the start of an assignment to the finish.
- Devote time, thought and study to the rules of the game and the mechanics necessary to carry out these rules so that one may render effective and creditable service in a fair and unbiased manner.
- Resist every temptation and outside pressure to use one's position as an umpire to benefit oneself.
- Under all circumstances avoid promoting the special interest of any person or group of persons other than the athletes we serve.
- Constantly uphold the honour and dignity of the avocation in all personal conduct and relations with the athletes, coaches, directors, administrators, colleagues, and the public and to be a worthy example to the athletes under one's jurisdiction.
- Be prepared both physically and mentally, dress according to expectations, and maintain a proper appearance that is befitting the importance of the contest.
- Carry a responsibility to act in a manner becoming of a professional person. The conduct of any umpire influences the attitudes of the public toward the profession in general as well as toward the umpire in particular.