

Coaches' Code of Conduct

"When baseball is no longer fun, it's no longer a game." Joe DiMaggio

Lubbock Youth Softball is a league where children are urged to simply have some fun and learn to play the game. By being part of the LYS team, Players, Coaches, and Parents all agree to strive toward fostering a positive environment for all to enjoy. As such, all Lubbock Youth Softball volunteers/coaches agree to be held accountable to uphold our Code of Conduct.

- COACHES will teach players the rules and fundamentals of softball as well as the concepts of sportsmanship, softball etiquette, and fair play.
- COACHES will coach players through positive reinforcement and refrain from language and behavior that could be interpreted as abusive or inappropriate including verbal or physical intimidation.
- COACHES will not tolerate any behavior on my team that could be interpreted as abusive or inappropriate including verbal or physical intimidation, and COACHES will immediately address any instances of such behavior occurring.
- COACHES will teach players through example to respect our opponents and umpires.
- COACHES will teach players how to win with class and lose with grace.
- COACHES will take responsibility for coaching staff, players, and parents to adhere to Lubbock Youth Softball's codes of conduct.
- COACHES will engage players' parents through regular communications with pertinent information about scheduling and helpful observations about the team's performance and development.
- COACHES will accept the responsibility to respect the league's busy field schedules and be mindful of Lubbock Youth Softball's permits with the City of Lubbock that can seasonally limit access to fields.
- COACHES will strive to learn more about softball, how to teach it to young people and how to help develop young peoples' character and self-confidence.
- COACHES will give players opportunities to develop softball skills at their own pace and give them opportunities to try more challenging positions when possible.
- COACHES will make sure that their teams take care of Lubbock Youth Softball's equipment and facilities, including a commitment to leave our dugouts clean for the next team.
- COACHES will respect players' parents' requests to "rest" their children to avoid injuries.
- COACHES will honor the rules of softball and Lubbock Youth Softball's standards for respecting the game and honoring the spirit of fair play.
- Coaches will not ridicule or demean players, umpires, or league officials.
- Coaches will comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policy and procedure as established or endorsed by Lubbock Youth Softball.
- COACHES will be drug and alcohol free while at any Lubbock Youth Softball athletic event.
- COACHES will not use any tobacco products in the dugout or on the playing field.
- Above all, COACHES will place the players' safety and well-being as their top responsibility.

The Lubbock Youth Softball Board of Directors will review all reported incidents of behavior considered detrimental to the game.

The Board will act on a simple majority vote.

- **Umpires and League Officials have the authority and discretion to penalize the offender according to the infraction, up to and including expulsion from a game to an entire season.**
- **A second season expulsion may result in a lifetime ban from all Lubbock Youth Softball activities, including managing or coaching**
- **Any manager/coach that has been ejected from a game must leave the playing field area for the rest of the game and retire to the parking lot. Any threat made by a manager/coach, parent or any other person will not be tolerated. Threats will draw a punishment up to and including a 1-year suspension from the Lubbock Youth Softball.**

