

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

WHITE BEAR AREA FASTPITCH ASSOCIATION (WBAFSA)

As a member of the White Bear Area Fastpitch Association (WBAFSA) softball program, we agree to abide by the rules listed below:

COACHES

CORE PRINCIPLES

WBAFSA participation must be healthy, positive and safe for everyone involved. Team activities must be conducted in an environment that values good sportsmanship while representing White Bear as a first-class community.

The coach is the key to making the WBAFSA experience positive, education and fun. They foster a positive experience for all participants including players, parents, officials, the opposing team and all fans.

CORE PRACTICES

- ❖ The coach provides inspiration and positive communication and assists players to make good decisions
- ❖ The coach is a role model at all times, recognizing his/her profound influence on players
- ❖ A coach is sensitive to the fact that different approaches will be needed for different individuals according to their needs and backgrounds
- ❖ Coaches are educators, first and foremost. They must strive to learn new and different approaches, and engage the players in the learning process. The learning goes beyond techniques and strategies to include teaching sportsmanship and effective communication with parents
- ❖ Coaches recognize the need for balance in the lives of players, a balance that respects the needs of the family, church and school
- ❖ Coaches teach the value of competition and how to handle success with grace and failure with dignity

OUT-OF BOUNDS

- ❖ Coaches that highlight the elite athlete and fail to provide a broad range of opportunities for all team participants
- ❖ Coaches who fail to understand that first and foremost they are teachers
- ❖ Coaches who communicate through intimidation
- ❖ Coaches with a "win at all costs" philosophy
- ❖ Coaches who are unfair in their promotion of players
- ❖ Coaches who promote specialization by their athletes at an inappropriate age or level
- ❖ Coaches who lack self-control and display poor sportsmanship
- ❖ Coaches who argue with officials
- ❖ Coaches that single out a few players, resulting in limited playing time
- ❖ Coaches who fail to respect individual differences and diversity

Coach

Date