

NORTH PENN VALLEY GIRLS SOFTBALL COACHES AND MANAGERS CODE OF CONDUCT

North Penn Valley Girls Softball Association (NPGVSA) seeks to ensure that all activities are fair, positive, and enjoyable experiences for all children and adults involved. Coaches and managers shall adhere to the NPVGSA Code of Conduct.

Commitment to the Players:

- Managers/Coaches shall put the welfare of their athletes above all else, while maintaining professional relationships with them.
- Managers/Coaches shall encourage the athlete to exhibit sportsmanship at all times.
- Managers/Coaches will familiarize themselves with the rules and will comply with all rules.
- Managers/Coaches need to understand that they are role models for their young players.
- The Manager's/Coach's commitment to the player and the player's commitment to the Manager/Coach is an equal partnership.

Commitment to the Organization

- Managers/Coaches shall behave in such a way that they shall bring credit to the organization and to themselves.
- Managers/Coaches need to have and show professional behavior.
- Managers/Coaches shall act in full accordance with ASA and NPVGSA rules and will be given the position of coach by invitation based on board decision.
- Shall treat everyone fairly within the context of the activity, regardless of gender, ethnic background, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief, or economic status.
- Provide a safe playing situation for the players by ensuring that the requested (or required) activity is suitable for the age, experience, ability and fitness level of the players and by educating players about responsibilities in contributing to a safe environment.

- Review and practice the basic first-aid principles needed to treat player injuries.
- Do their best to organize practices that are instructional, fun, and challenging for all players.
- Be knowledgeable in the rules of the game and teach these rules to the players.
- Lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players.
- Place the emotional and physical wellbeing of the players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- Refrain from public criticism of fellow Managers/Coaches.
- Exchange friendly greetings with opposing Managers/Coaches prior to the start of each game and immediately upon its conclusion.
- Accept responsibility for the sportsmanship and conduct of your players and their parents. Hold a meeting in the preseason to explain and discuss your expectations.
- Abstain from/discourage the use of alcohol, drugs and tobacco in conjunction with the sport.
- Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing or otherwise offensive language while coaching.

With Umpires

- Demonstrate respect and support for all umpires, and encourage your players, parents/spectators to do the same.
- Recognize that at some levels of play, umpires are sometimes young and inexperienced, requiring even more of your patience and support.
- Treat umpires in a courteous manner at all times, and be sure that you and your players thank the umpire after the game.
- Address all comments and concerns about the league in writing to the respective Division Manager. Present your comments/concerns in a calm, objective and rational manner.

Off the Field

- Take advantage of any opportunities to develop and enhance your coaching ability and skills.
- Attend and fully participate in league/division meetings and activities involving Managers/Coaches.

- Communicate clearly and consistently with players, player parents, team staff members, and league representatives.

Procedures for Violation:

All incidents shall be reported to the respective Division Manager, or executive board. After investigation and review by the executive board the below sanctions will be imposed.

- Based on the infraction and severity, a minimum of one game next scheduled game, maximum up to suspension or termination of the league.
- Anyone suspended must apply for reinstatement from the North Penn Valley Girls Softball Board for the next softball season.
- Any appeals or concerns can be directed to npvgsa@gmail.com for review.

I agree to abide by the expectations as outlined in the North Penn Valley Girls Softball Association Code of Conduct Agreement.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/_____