

SVGS Coaches Code of Conduct/Ethics

Our coaches are the most influential people in helping fulfill our mission as a league! To that end, coaches are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that demonstrates the standards established in our general code of conduct and in addition, this coaches Code of Conduct. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in disciplinary action taken by the SVGS Board of Directors that may include, but is not limited to: Game(s) Suspension, Season Suspension, Permanent Loss of Manager/Coach position, and/or Permanent Suspension from the SVGS league and fields. Coaches will:

- Place the emotional and physical well being of their players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- Treat each player as an individual given the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- Do their best to provide a safe playing situation for their players and make an effort to review basic first aid principles and if possible participate in concussion training.
- Do their best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all the players.
- Lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players.
- Provide a sports environment for the team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- Be knowledgeable in the rules of softball and teach these rules to the players.
- Use coaching techniques appropriate for all of the skills that are taught
- Remember that they are a **youth** sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
- All umpires and coaches shall be treated in a professional and respectable manner both on and off the field. Any displeasure with a coach or umpire's action or conduct shall be addressed through the proper channels and not through the media or through public opinion.
- Commit to a continuous learning mindset and actively strive to improve themselves as coaches.
- Support the league in ensuring their teams are managed in a way that aligns with the leagues mandate and core values.
- Shall not conspire, collude, undermine, or in general orchestrate or participate in any effort to undermine the established procedures set forth for player selection and/or manager selection for either the regular or all-star season.
- Commit to the proper maintenance and safekeeping of our facilities through active participation in maintenance, cleanup, and field duties.
- Attend all mandatory events for coaches and make every effort to support optional events.
- Every coach is expected to have read, become familiar, and adhere to the local SVGS rules as set forth in the following document: [SVGS Local Rules](#)

Coaches will be familiar and abide by the USA Softball's guidance and code of ethics which can be found in the [Southern California USA Softball](#) site.

Coach Name: _____ Date: _____

Coach Signature: _____

References:

[National Alliance for Youth Sports](#)

[Southern California USA Softball](#)

[Positive Sports Coaching](#)