

# **NAPERVILLE DIAMONDS COACHES**

## **CODE OF ETHICS**

### **Commitment to the Players**

1. Coaches shall put the welfare of their players above all else while maintaining professional relationships with them.
2. All games should be conducted within the letter and intent of the rules of fast pitch softball.
3. Coaches shall encourage their players to exhibit sportsmanship at all times.
4. Coaches shall always remember that their players are children and not make demands upon them that are inconsistent with Diamonds, school district, and softball governing body rules or in any way compromise the player's academic pursuits.
5. Coaches shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sexual orientation, age, national or ethnic origin, or qualified handicapped or disabled persons.
6. Coaches shall follow Diamonds, school district, softball governing body, high school and state association rules regarding drug, alcohol and tobacco use. The Diamonds expressly prohibit their use during any Diamonds athletic event or function.
7. Coaches shall use discretion when providing constructive criticism and when reprimanding players.
8. Coaches shall refrain from the use of profanity, vulgarity, and other offensive language and gestures.

### **Commitment to the Diamonds**

1. Coaches shall behave in such a way that they bring credit to their profession and themselves by displaying high personal standards and projecting a favorable image of themselves and coaching to their team, their parents/families, other coaches, officials, spectators, the media and the general public.
2. Coaches shall exhibit professionalism in their actions, words and attire.
3. Coaches shall act in full accordance with Diamonds (as set forth in the coaches agreement), school district and softball governing body rules.
4. Coaches shall immediately report any violations of Diamonds, school district, or softball governing body rules regardless of how minor they believe the violation to be.
5. Dissatisfaction with the implementation of Diamonds, school district and softball governing body rules shall be addressed through the Board of Directors and not through the media or through public opinion.

### Commitment to Other Coaches

1. A coach must refrain from making derogatory comments about another coach or team.
2. Coaches shall treat their colleagues with dignity and respect.
3. Coaches shall honor all professional relationships with their colleagues. They shall avoid conflicts of interest and the exploitation of these relationships.

### Commitment to Umpires

1. All game umpires shall be treated in a professional and respectable manner at all times.
2. Any displeasure with an umpire's actions or conduct shall be addressed through the proper channels and not through the media or through public opinion.
3. The Naperville Diamonds Coaches shall strive to develop positive working relations with the umpires.

AS A COACH FOR THE NAPERVILLE DIAMONDS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, I ACCEPT THE CODE OF ETHICS AND AGREE TO EMBRACE THE PRINCIPLES OF THIS CODE. I HAVE PERFECTED MY AGREEMENT TO THESE PRINCIPLES BY AFFIXING MY SIGNATURE BELOW:

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_