

## Watertown-Mayer Youth Softball Association Coaches Code of Conduct

As a coach in the WMYSA, I understand that I serve as a role model for players, parents, and the community. My actions, words and attitude have a lasting impact on the character and development of each athlete. I accept the responsibility of teaching not only the game of softball, but also teamwork, discipline and respect. By signing below, I agree to uphold the following standards at all times.

### **Leadership and Integrity**

- I will lead by example, demonstrating honesty, fairness and respect in all situations.
- I will promote a positive team culture where players feel safe, supported and valued.
- I will treat all player equitably, recognizing their individual strengths and potential.
- I will remember that I am a teacher and a mentor first and that the lessons I impart go far beyond the field.

### **Respect for Players, Parents and Officials**

- I will treat every player with dignity and respect.
- I will communicate openly and respectfully with parents, understanding that they are partners in their child's growth
- I will show respect for umpires and officials, even in disagreement.
- I will set clear boundaries between coaching responsibilities and parental roles.

### **Commitment to Sportsmanship**

- I will teach players to win and lose with grace, emphasizing effort, teamwork and respect over outcomes.
- I will never tolerate unsportsmanlike behavior from parents, players or spectators.
- I will handle conflict calmly and lead my team with composure, regardless of game result.
- I will hold myself and my team accountable for maintaining the highest standard of sportsmanship.

### **Player Development and Safety**

- I will prioritize safety, well-being, development of every player above all else.
- I will ensure that players are properly equipped, hydrated and physically prepared to participate.
- I will provide constructive feedback focused on growth and learning.
- I will foster an environment that builds confidence, resilience and love for the game.

### **Communication and Professional Conduct**

- I will communicate clearly, promptly and respectfully with players, parents and league officials.
- I will address concerns at appropriate times and never in anger or frustration.
- I will refrain from the use of profanity, harassment and any behavior that reflects poorly on the WMYSA.
- I will comply with all league policies, codes of conduct and safety protocols.

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### **Acknowledgement**

By signing below, I affirm that I have read, understand and agree to abide by the Coaches Code of Conduct. I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in disciplinary action, including suspension or removal from coaching duties.

**Coach Name (printed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Player Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

