



March 11, 2009

Dear GSLW Volunteer:

Thank you for volunteering to coach for the 2009 In-Town Spring Girls Softball League of Westfield Leagues.

Please read the attached "Manager/Coach Code of Ethics". You will be required to review and sign this form and return to your League Director before the start of the season. This information is important to ensure you understand and are committed to the instructional and recreational intent of this league.

Sincerely,

Girls Softball League of Westfield Board



GIRLS SOFTBALL LEAGUE OF WESTFIELD
VOLUNTEER - CODE OF ETHICS

- I will do my best to provide a safe playing environment for my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for my players.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development they might be experiencing.
- I will treat everyone present with respect.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and positive support for and to all players, opposing managers, coaches and officials at every game.
- I will express to my parents and spectators a desire for good sportsmanship to ensure a positive and enjoyable experience for all the players.
- I will not permit bench cheering to include personal and malicious remarks.
- I will refrain from public criticism of the officiating or opposing managers/coaches.



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- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I, as a manager/coach, will refrain from their use while on the softball fields.
- I will refrain from the use of profanities, threatening and/or abusive language and will avoid any hostile or angry behavior at all times while on the softball fields.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for the players and not the adults.
- I will conduct the management of my assigned team according to all ASA and GSLW amended rules as noted in our rulebook.
- I recognize the responsibility incumbent upon me to model ethical behavior.
- I pledge myself to read, understand, know and practice this code of ethics.
- I understand that any on or off the field event that occurs during the season that the Girls Softball League of Westfield determines (and votes) is in breach of this Code of Ethics contract can result in my immediate dismissal in my position and possibly the request to not appear on the Westfield Recreation fields during GSLW games for the remainder of the season.

Manager/Coach Signature: _____

Date: _____