# FHYAA Softball Spectator Code of Conduct

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development, and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials, and spectators are the primary considerations governing competition, the following Code of Conduct has been established.

Each SPECTATOR will ensure that his/her conduct sets the example for team members and other spectators. To satisfactorily meet these responsibilities, the SPECTATOR is expected to:

1. Respect the rules of the game.
2. Respect the coaches and referees and refrain from questioning their decisions and from addressing them in a disrespectful or abusive manner.
3. Let the coach manage the team and refrain from offering extensive or distracting advice from the sidelines.
4. Cheer for their team in a positive and supportive manner.
5. Refrain at all times from making hostile, negative, or abusive remarks about either team, any coaching staff or the referees. Physical assault will be considered a criminal act and result in immediate ejection from the game and possibly the league. Berating players on either team, for their level of play on the field will be considered bullying and will not be tolerated.
6. Follow all game site rules and regulations, respecting the property of others. This includes refraining from bringing non-service animals to school game sites as it is against FCPS regulations.
7. Keep control of, and monitor the children brought to view the game so that the game can be enjoyed by all attendees.
8. Demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of games, win or lose. Model the behavior you want your children to emulate.
9. Realize, accept, and practice by the principle that a team’s reputation is built not only on its playing ability but also on the sportsmanship courtesy and manner of each individual of its fans.

**Players who fail to comply with the above code of conduct  
 are subject to suspension and/or removal from their team.**

**This includes transgressions that occur in ANY FHYAA sport.**