# FHYAA Softball Coaches 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 COACH will ensure that his/her conduct sets the example for the team members and spectators. To satisfactorily meet these responsibilities, the COACH is expected to:

1. Know the rules and abide by them.
2. Instruct team members in the rules and coaches/her team in such a way as to motivate each player to compete according to the rules at all times.
3. Respect the referee and refrain from questioning their decisions in a disrespectful or abusive manner.
4. Ensure that all gym and field rules and regulations are followed by the players and the spectators.
5. Ensure that fans of his/her team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at game sites. This includes assisting referees in maintaining control of spectators during games.
   1. If players or spectators are not abiding by their Code of Conduct, the COACH has the right to eject them from the field, or call a board member to do the ejection.
   2. If a disruptive or unruly person is unwilling to leave the game site, the police can be called by a coach. As permit holder, you control the game site and the disruptive person(s) can be escorted off the field by a police officer.
6. Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team both during the play of the game and at its conclusion, win or lose.
7. Teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
8. Maintain control of his/her emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures which may be interpreted as hostile and humiliating.
9. Instruct team support personnel (e.g. assistant coaches, scorekeepers, etc.) in their responsibilities in accordance with established rules and procedures.
10. 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 player.

**Coaches 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.**