

# UGSA Code of Conduct for Players, Parents and Coaches

The United Girls Softball Association (UGSA) is committed to providing a program and environment that fosters player development, good sportsmanship and fair and appropriate competition. To this end all participating players, parents, and coaches are expected to conduct themselves on and off the field within the guidelines of this Code of Conduct. The coaching staff of each team is to lead by example while emphasizing the importance of the Code of Conduct to players and parents. Coaches are ultimately responsible for their own conduct plus that of their players, player parents, and spectators. Failure to follow the guidelines as set forth below will result in fines, forfeited games, suspensions, and eventual expulsion from the league.

## Player Code of Conduct

Players will not argue with or complain about an umpire's call or decision.  
Players will treat all players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect.  
Players will be a good sport by cheering for all good plays, regardless of who made the play.  
Players will respectfully shake the hand of opponents in the post game line up and congratulate all on a well played game.  
Players will remember it is a game, meant to be fun for all players, parents, coaches and spectators.

## Parent Code of Conduct

Parents will help their daughter enjoy the youth sports experience by being a respectful spectator.  
Parents will positively encourage their daughter from the sidelines and let the coaches do the coaching.  
Parents will show good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials.  
Parents will encourage their daughter to treat all players, coaches, fans, & officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.  
Parents will reinforce to their daughter to accept game results and encourage her to be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.  
Parents will remember it is a game, meant to be fun for all players, parents, coaches and spectators.

## Coach Code of Conduct

I understand that I am ultimately responsible for the conduct of our team coaches, players, parents, and spectators.  
I will seek no unfair advantages on the field.  
I will celebrate the individual achievement of each player on my team.  
I will promote fun, teamwork, friendship, skill development and sportsmanship.  
I will treat players, umpires, opponents, and spectators with respect and dignity.  
I will teach players how to win and lose with grace and dignity and be a role model of sportsmanship.  
I will provide positive reinforcement and encouragement and be generous with praise when it is deserved.  
I will remember it is a game, meant to be fun for all players, parents, coaches and spectators.

**\*\*\* We have read this Code of Conduct and have distributed it to all Players/Parents associated with our team\*\*\*  
We also agree to abide by and adhere to the most recently published edition of UGSA Rules and Requirements.**

Division/Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Minimum Penalty for UGSA Rules Violation or If Ejected From Game by Umpire

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense:** 2 Game Suspension
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense (within 12 month period):** 3 Game Suspension plus Coach(s) Ineligible for Post Season
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense (within 12 month period):** Expulsion from UGSA league

*(Note: Penalties may be enforced in subsequent seasons)*

**This form must be returned to the UGSA with signatures of all coaches prior to start of season.**