

NVGSA Softball

Coaches Code of Conduct

The primary objective of NVGSA is to provide a positive and constructive environment for girls aged 5 to 18 to learn to play and enjoy the game of fastpitch softball.

In addition to learning basic softball skills, NVGSA coaches should strive to make softball a fun and enjoyable experience for all participants. Coaches will be working with a wide range of player skill levels, however, they should emphasize that this is a team sport and make every effort to maximize playing time for all participants. Even though we all want to have winning teams, the Coach's primary focus should be teaching the basics of the game, fair play, and sportsmanship.

NVGSA Coaches are required to:

- Know the rules and abide by them.
- Respect the game officials and refrain from addressing them or commenting on their decisions during the play of the game. Any questions on rule interpretation will be addressed in a respectful manner.
- Be a leader and positive role model to your team, caring for their physical safety and mental development while on the softball field.
- Ensure the fans of their team conduct themselves in a positive manner.
- Maintain control of their emotions and, under NO circumstances, use inappropriate or abusive language, or make hostile or humiliating gestures.
- Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team both during the play of the game and at its conclusion, regardless of outcome. Resolve any differences with an attitude of respect towards each other.
- Teach each player to be humble and generous in victory and to be proud and courteous in defeat.
- Strive to create a positive and constructive environment for your players to learn and enjoy the game of softball.
- Realize, accept, and practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on the sportsmanship, courtesy and manners of each individual player.
- Be responsible for the proper care and use of NVGSA-supplied equipment, field boxes, and batting cages.
- Ensure that all County Field Rules and Regulations are followed by the players and spectators.
- Follow all rules established by NVGSA and ASA Softball.

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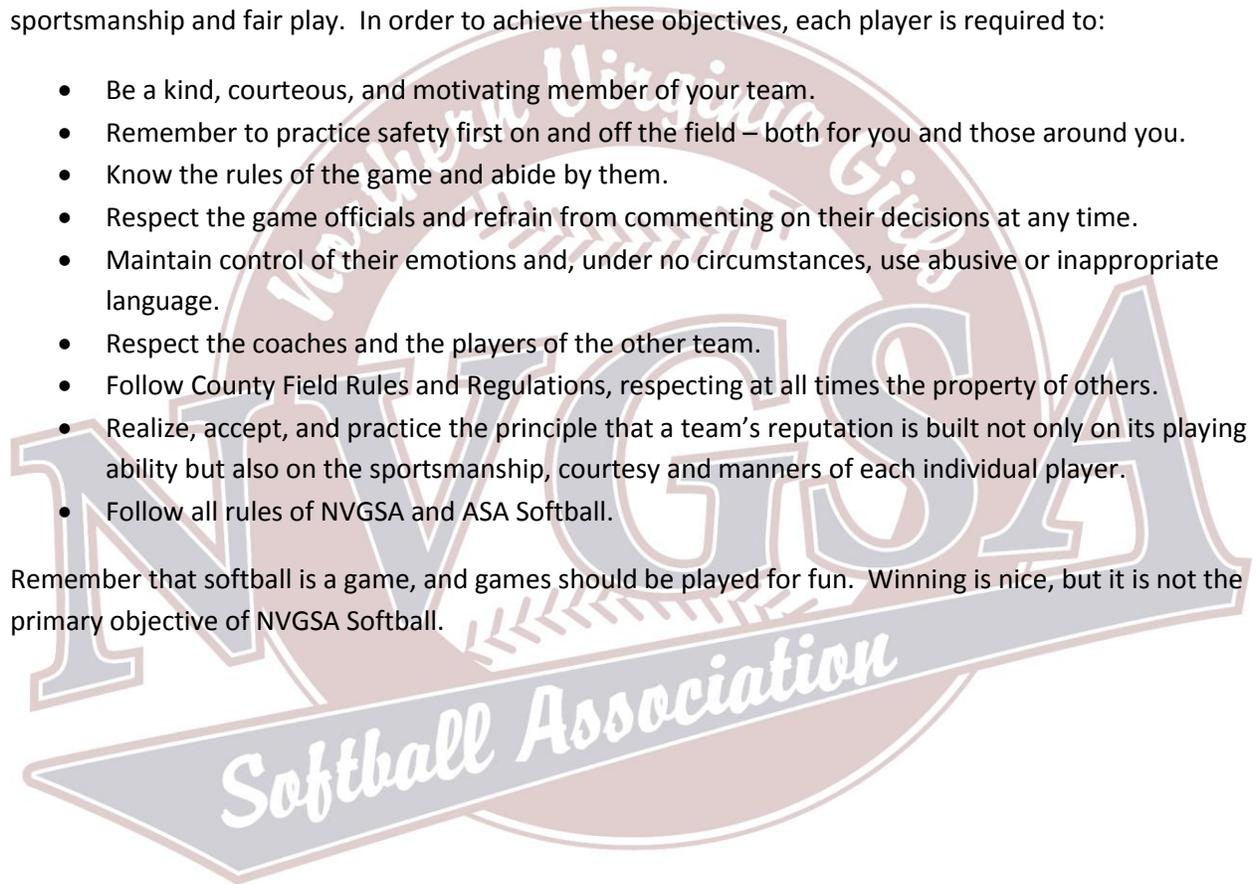
Players Code of Conduct

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In addition to learning basic softball skills, it is our intent for players to learn the basic concepts of sportsmanship and fair play. In order to achieve these objectives, each player is required to:

- Be a kind, courteous, and motivating member of your team.
- Remember to practice safety first on and off the field – both for you and those around you.
- Know the rules of the game and abide by them.
- Respect the game officials and refrain from commenting on their decisions at any time.
- Maintain control of their emotions and, under no circumstances, use abusive or inappropriate language.
- Respect the coaches and the players of the other team.
- Follow County Field Rules and Regulations, respecting at all times the property of others.
- Realize, accept, and practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability but also on the sportsmanship, courtesy and manners of each individual player.
- Follow all rules of NVGSA and ASA Softball.

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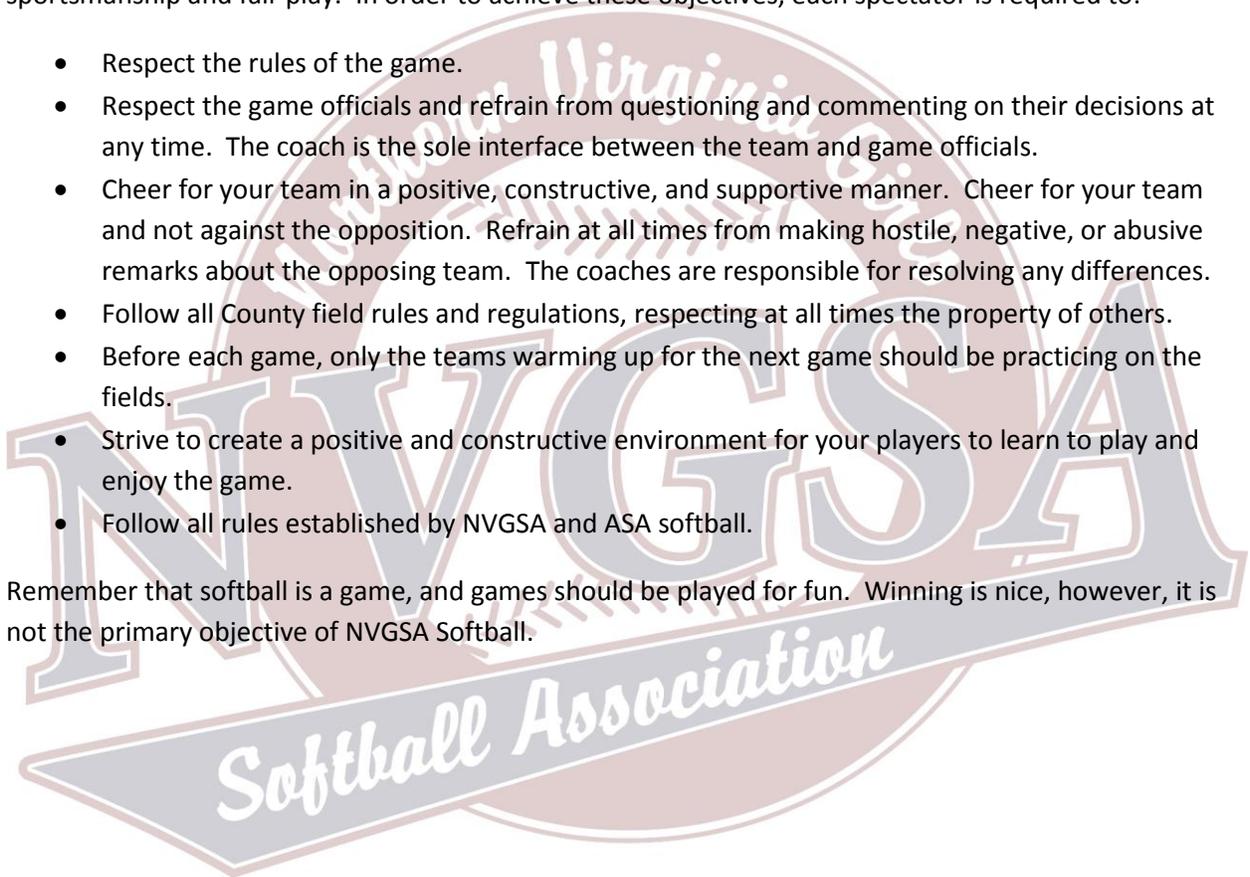
Spectator Code of Conduct

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- Respect the rules of the game.
- Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning and commenting on their decisions at any time. The coach is the sole interface between the team and game officials.
- Cheer for your team in a positive, constructive, and supportive manner. Cheer for your team and not against the opposition. Refrain at all times from making hostile, negative, or abusive remarks about the opposing team. The coaches are responsible for resolving any differences.
- Follow all County field rules and regulations, respecting at all times the property of others.
- Before each game, only the teams warming up for the next game should be practicing on the fields.
- Strive to create a positive and constructive environment for your players to learn to play and enjoy the game.
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Code of Conduct Violations

Corrective Measures

Immediate corrective measures:

An umpire (in accordance with ASA rules) or league officer can eject a coach, parent or player from the game. The party being ejected must leave the playing field immediately. The party being ejected has no right of appeal at this time and must leave the premises of the school or park and be out of sight of the playing field for the rest of that game. The umpire or league official shall report the incident to the age appropriate commissioner and the house VP.

Follow on corrective measures:

The following items provide NVGSA's Board of Directors with corrective measures when dealing with code of conduct violations. Any of the following corrective actions may be used by NVGSA depending upon the frequency and severity of the violation:

- Verbal or written warning
- Suspension from games and practices for a specified time period
- Suspension from participation in team functions for the remainder of the season or beyond

Review Procedures

With the exception of game ejections (outlined above), parties will have the opportunity for review concerning corrective actions taken by the Board. Steps for review:

- Request a meeting with the relevant Commissioner to try to solve the problem informally.
 - Request a meeting with the relevant Vice President to try to solve the problem informally.
 - Submit a written request for a meeting with the entire Board. This meeting will be held within two weeks of the submitted request. All decisions made by the Board are final.
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