



Beach Softball Code of Conduct & Statement of Values

Beach Softball (BEACH) would like to remind coaches, parents and players of the values that guide our leagues. These values are based on the essential elements of character building and ethics that are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship:

- Teamwork
- Respect
- Honor
- Fairness
- Integrity
- Good Citizenship

Coaches and parents much remember that this is a recreational softball league played for FUN. Adults should be positive role models for children and should encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy to all players, coaches and umpires at every game. It is paramount to our league that every parent be an exemplary role model and maintain the highest standard of conduct at all times.

Parents will:

- Cheer and acknowledge good plays by both teams.
- Support the efforts of players and coaches regardless of the result.
- Remember that children participate to learn and have fun and that the game is for the kids, not the adults.
- Learn the rules and policies of the league.
- Respect the officials and their authority during the games.
- Never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game field: instead take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- Refrain from coaching your child or other players behind the backstop and from the bleachers during games and practices, unless you are one of the official coaches of the team.

Parents WILL NOT:

- Force their child to participate if doing so is clearly against her desire or nature, but will hold her accountable to honor a team commitment that she has made freely.
- Engage in any activity that embarrasses others or prohibits them from enjoying the experience of the game.

Managers/ Coaches will:

- Learn the rules and policies of the league and abide by those rules and policies.

- Remember that children participate to learn and have fun and that the game is for them, not the adults.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship and integrity regardless of the score by acting in a positive manner towards all players, parents, coaches and umpires.
- Emphasize personal and team skill development, fundamentals, practice, hustle and accountability and how they benefit each player as opposed to just winning. All teams make the playoffs.
- Show response to all players, parents coaches and umpires.
- Shake hands with the umpires and opposing coaches at the conclusion of all games.
- Be a good citizen by caring for our fields and facilities and helping MBYA and HBLL maintain them in the best possible condition.

Managers/Coaches WILL NOT:

- Ridicule, criticize or show any signs of disrespect to officials, players, coaches or other spectators in victory or defeat
- Use vulgar, racial, culturally insensitive or abusive language or threatening gestures.
- Challenge an umpire’s authority. The umpire shall have the authority and discretion to expel anyone who does so.
- Use tobacco (including smokeless or chewing) or alcohol in the presence of a player/ on the field or dugout.

Players will:

- Strive to always do their best to learn while also having fun.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship regardless of the score by acting in a positive manner towards all players, coaches, umpires and parents.
- Shake hands with the opposing team and umpire at the conclusion of all games.

Players WILL NOT:

- Throw equipment or use offensive or inappropriate language in a response to a call made on the field.
- Challenge an umpire’s authority.
- Show disrespect to teammates, opponents and/or coaches.

Any Parent and/or Manager/ Coach guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. The Beach Softball Board along with League Commissioner(s) will review all infractions. Depending on the severity or frequency, the board may assess additional disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from Beach Softball. Any infractions resulting in expulsion will be reported to HBLL and MBYA Executive Boards.

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Parent/Coach/Manager Signature

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Player/Participant Signature