

Coaches Duties and Responsibilities

- Understand and promote the Middleborough Youth Softball League purpose as described in Article III.
- Comply with all MYSL rules.
- Conduct themselves in a fitting manner representing their team, league and town.
- Ensure that players adhere to all safety requirements.
- Provide players with at least a basic knowledge of the game, and a sense of fair play and sportsmanship.
- Ensure that at least one coach, manager or designee of at least 18 years of age is present at all practices and games
- Collect and return to the league (as instructed by the League Director) all uniforms and equipment.
- No coach shall knowingly leave a player alone to wait for a ride at the end of a game or practice.
- Coaches shall be responsible to be certain that their team leaves the field immediately at the first indication of thunder and lightning, and shall make reasonable decisions concerning other inclement weather.
- Coaches are responsible to make sure that the fields are in proper playing condition, particularly with regard to foul lines, proper distances of pitching mounds and bases, and safety concerns.
- Coaches will not use any tobacco products, drink any alcoholic beverage, use any illegal substances, or use inappropriate language at any time while carrying out their coaching responsibilities.
- Coaches or a representative should attend all regular League meetings.
- The home team coach is responsible for contacting the away team coach and the league director for the purpose of canceling games due to inclement weather.
- All coaches must bring a copy of MYSL rules with them to all games.
- At tournaments, coaches are only responsible for the players during practices and games. At all other time's, parents are fully responsible for the players.

Coach's Code of Conduct: "An opportunity to make a difference"

- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will be responsible for all the kids on my team.
- I will do my best to ensure that all the kids have fun-playing softball.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will treat all kids with respect and avoid negative criticism.
- I will teach all kids the skills of the game, the values of teamwork and the meaning of good sportsmanship.
- I will lead by example and always demonstrate good sportsmanship during games.
- I will see that "all kids play" regardless of skill level.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will provide only encouragement and positive direction to players during games.
- I will know the rules and always play by the rules.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
- I will communicate with the parents on my team and inform them of all team rules, practices and games.
- I will respect all facilities and equipment made available for my team to practice and play games.
- I will never use profanity, abusive language or threatening behavior towards any player, parent, coach or official.
- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth softball events.