

SOUTHWEST COACHES LEAGUE (SWCL)

COACHES - CODE OF CONDUCT

The following Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Southwest Coaches League organization to promote sportsmanship, fairness, teamwork, good citizenship, responsibility, and respect among the members of the Southwest Coaches League organization.

Coaches will demonstrate these values to their team, opponent, fans, and umpires by their words and actions, and to this end the following rules will be strictly enforced:

- Coaches and their players will remember that the umpires are human and volunteers. Coaches will help to correct incorrectly applied rules, even if it hurts their team.
- Coaches will display and instill in their players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Coaches will support the policies and processes set forth by the SWCL's Board of Directors and will not undermine any member of the SWCL Board of Directors at any time prior to, during, or after the season.
- Coaches will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interest of all players.
- Verbal abuse of an official, coach, player, or spectator, including obscene gestures, by any coach, player, or spectator will not be tolerated. The offender may be removed from any SWCL function at the discretion of an umpire or Board Member of the SWCL.
- Coaches, players, and spectators will not argue with umpires. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players and team fans and correct such actions.
- Baseball/Softball is a game of interpretations, and as a result, disputes will occur from time to time. However it is important that players and fans learn respect. All disputes that are taken up with the umpire will be handled in a civil manner. **Coaches**, only, may initiate such discussions with an umpire. Coaches will conduct themselves with decorum and once the umpire has made his/her final ruling, the coach will make no further on field protest.
- All discussions with umpires and opposing coaches will be held in conversational tones. Under no circumstance will a coach yell at an umpire, coach, fan or other player.
- Booming, heckling, taunting or ridiculing another player (on any team) is not acceptable behavior. Refusing to shake another coach's and/or player's hand after the game will not be tolerated.
- Profanity is expressly forbidden at all times at SWCL contests and functions.
- The use of tobacco products and alcohol on SWCL fields, including dugouts is prohibited.

Anyone removed from a SWCL function must leave all fields, access roads, and parking lots immediately.

Any infraction of the above rules will result in a report being delivered to the SWCL league commissioner for consideration of further action, as appropriate. Depending upon the severity of the infraction, penalties may include single-game suspension, multiple-game suspension, seasonal suspension, or permanent expulsion from the Southwest Coaches League organization.

I have read, understand, and agree to the above stated Code of Conduct of Southwest Coaches League sports. I agree to be bound by its provisions.

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Signature	Date	Team	Grade Level	Baseball/Softball