

## WarCats Code of Ethics for Coaches

As a Coach:

- I consider it a privilege to coach these softball players and understand this game is for the girls, not the adults.
- I will set a good example by choosing my words and actions wisely including how to demonstrate fair play and sportsmanship to my players and those we play against.
- I will teach the principles of fair play and sportsmanship to my players.
- I will praise my players and remember to look for the positives. I will try my best to offer constructive criticism that will help my players develop as athletes.
- I will remain calm when my players make a mistake, and will help them learn from their mistakes. I will encourage and stay positive even when things don't go well. I will try not to take myself too seriously when it comes to coaching because there is life beyond softball. I will remind myself and my players to laugh and have fun.
- I will use positive coaching methods to make the experience enjoyable for my players in an effort to increase their self-esteem and enjoyment of softball. I will strive to make each player feel that she is a valuable member of the team regardless of any physical or developmental limitations she may have.
- I will treat umpires, opposing coaches and players, and my parents and players with respect, dignity, and encouragement.
- I will model sportsmanship, dignity and composure regardless of the calls made by umpires, and the outcome of the game.
- I will develop professionally as a coach seeking out opportunities to learn, which may include: clinics, meetings, conferences, training, and certifications.

**I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and will do my best to fulfill the promises made. If I violate this Code, the Board will review my coaching status and can incur penalties such as suspensions or permanent removal from the WarCats Organization.**

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

Age group: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_