

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: _____

WarCats Code of Ethics for Parents

As a parent:

- I will keep my daughter's financial account in good standing, and will adhere to the deadlines to avoid penalties. I understand our player fee may not include all the cost involving travel softball.
- I understand that I cannot approach a coach with any personal playing issues just before a game or 24 hours following a tournament or game. *(This is considered a cool down period for any parent that may be upset over playing time or positions).*
- I will volunteer at our annual WarCats tournament and provide requested donations. I will volunteer before the tournament if we cannot be at the tournament.
- I will not dispute calls and decisions made by persons in authority, umpires, and coaches.
- I will provide positive support and encouragement for my daughter by demonstrating good sportsmanship (in words and actions) to all players, coaches, and umpires.
- I will support coaches working with my child and will let her coach have the priority of coaching despite my own opinions.
- I will remember this game is for the girls, not the adults.
- I will remain calm when my daughter and her teammates make a mistake.
- I will try not to take myself too seriously when it comes to spectating. I will remind myself and my daughter to have fun.
- I understand that playing time is not equal among all players and there is no guarantee of a set amount of playing time or position.

I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and will do my best to fulfill the promises made herein. Should a violation occur, the WarCats Board can take further action to penalize and enforce these rules.

Player's Name: _____

Age group: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

WarCats Code of Ethics for Players

As a player:

- I accept and understand the seriousness of my responsibility as a softball player on this team. It is a privilege to represent my team, the WarCats Organization, the Westerville High Schools, and the Westerville community.
- I will do my best to live up to the standards of sportsmanship, being a role model, and showing respect. I will win without boasting and lose without complaining.
- I will treat authority and opponents the way I want to be treated.
- I will respect the calls and decisions made by the Organization, umpires, and coaches. I will not use my words or actions to show my disagreement. I will display sportsmanship including congratulating my opponents in a sincere manner following a victory or defeat.
- I respect the judgment of umpires. The umpires are doing their best to help me improve. I know that I am part of a team and I will not put myself before others.
- I will put forth my best effort on the field and choose my words and actions wisely. This will not only help me develop as a softball player, but develop as young girl with good character.
- I agree that while on the team, my coach has the final decisions and I will continue to support my teammates no matter what decisions are made.
- I understand that playing time is not equal among all players and there is no guarantee of a set amount of playing time or position.
- I understand that I cannot approach a coach with any personal playing issues just before a game or 24 hours following a tournament or game. *(This is considered a cool down period for any player that may be upset over playing time or positions).*

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Age group: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____