



CNSA Codes of Conduct

Fair play involves honesty, respect for umpires and officials, respect for team-mates and opponents - whether winning or losing. Here are some "codes" for all those who take part in the sport of softball at CNSA.

No swearing, sledging or harassment of any kind will be permitted by or to any member of CNSA – this includes officials, players and spectators alike. Any person, whether they are a spectator, player or official ejected or reported will face the Judiciary.

PLAYERS

1. Play for the "fun of it" and not just to please parents and coaches.
2. Play by the rules.
3. Never argue with an umpire or official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the umpire or official during the game to ascertain a ruling.
4. Control your temper. Verbal abuse of umpires, officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent and throwing equipment is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
5. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit and so will you.
6. Be a good sport. Cheer all good plays whether by your team or the other team.
7. Treat all players, as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully or take unfair advantage of another player.
8. Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.

COACHES

1. Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm.
2. Teach your players that rules of the game are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break.
3. Avoid over playing the talented players. The "just average" players need and deserve equal time.
4. Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of their motivation. Never ridicule or yell at the children or adults for making mistakes or losing a competition.
5. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate for the players.
6. Ensure both on and off the field your behaviour is consistent with the principles of good sportsmanship.
7. The scheduling and length of practice times should take into consideration the age or maturity level of the players.
8. Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgment of umpires and opposing coaches.
9. Follow the advice of a physician when determining when an injured player is ready to recommence play.
10. Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound coaching principles.

UMPIRES

1. Be fair, honest and impartial.
2. Be friendly and courteous to all players and officials.
3. Do not argue with players and officials.
4. Treat players and officials as you would want others to treat you.
5. See that the game proceeds within the rules of the game.
6. Enforce the rules to the best of your ability.
7. Set and maintain an atmosphere for the enjoyment of the game.

PARENTS

1. If children are interested, encourage them to participate. However, if a child is not willing to play, do not force them.
2. Focus upon the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to their ability by reducing the emphasis on winning.
3. Teach children that an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.
4. Encourage children to always play according to the rules.
5. Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game. Remember children are involved in organised sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
6. Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good plays by both teams.
7. If you disagree with an umpire or official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the umpire or official's judgment and honesty in public. Remember, most umpires and officials give their time and effort for your child's involvement. Many umpires are also children.
8. Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
9. Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your support.
10. Avoid the use of derogatory language for any reason.



USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

For CNSA members, Executive Committee and representatives using social media, such use:

- 1 Must not contain, or link to, libellous, defamatory or harassing content. This also applies to the use of illustrations or nicknames.
- 2 Must not comment on, or publish, information that is confidential or in any way sensitive to CNSA, its affiliates, partners or sponsors.
- 3 Must not bring CNSA or Softball into disrepute.
- 4 May not use the CNSA brand to endorse or promote any product, opinion, cause or political candidate; and it must be clear to all readers that any and all opinion shared are those of the individual, and do not represent or reflect the views of CNSA.
- 5 Is done so with the understanding that the web is not anonymous. CNSA members and representatives should assume that everything they write could be traced back to them.
- 6 Acknowledges that due to the unique nature of Softball in Australia, the boundaries between a member's profession, volunteer time and social life can often be blurred. It is therefore essential that members make a clear distinction between what they do in a professional capacity and what they do, think or say in their capacity as a volunteer for CNSA. CNSA considers all members of CNSA as its representatives.
- 7 Appreciates that the web as a permanent record of online actions and opinions.
- 8 Respects the CNSA brand to ensure CNSA's intellectual property or its relationship with sponsors and stakeholders is not compromised.