

# Fair Play Code - Coach

Ridge Meadows Minor Softball Association

- I will complete a Criminal Record Check or Screening Disclosure Form and all required training in accordance with the schedule/requirements set out by RMMSA.
- I will conduct myself in a manner that will bring credit to the association and credit to myself.
- I will model good sportsmanship by treating everyone fairly, with respect and dignity, including players, parents, coaches and officials.
- I will avoid the use of profanity, violent behaviour, bullying, unsportsmanlike conduct and abuse of any kind toward other parents, players, coaches or officials.
- I will demonstrate respect and support for all umpires and encourage all players, parents and spectators to do the same.
  - I recognize that, at some levels of play, umpires are sometimes young and inexperienced, requiring even more of my patience and support.
  - I will direct all comments and concerns about league umpires to the Umpire In Chief in a calm, objective and rational manner.
- I will teach all players the skills of the game, the values of teamwork and the meaning of good sportsmanship.
- I will provide a safe playing environment for the players. I will give them encouragement and positive direction, remembering that players play to have fun. They are playing for their enjoyment, not mine.
- I will ensure that all players get equitable instruction, opportunity, support and playing time.
- I will ensure the activities being undertaken are suitable for the age, experience, ability and fitness level of the players I coach.
- I will direct any necessary feedback at the performance, not the person.
- I will work to resolve all parent-coach or player-coach conflicts related to playing time, in-game decisions, coaching methodologies, personality conflicts or otherwise. I will resolve these matters outside of practice time, game time or the team dugout.

- I recognize that I am strongly encouraged to wait 24 hours from the time of the event or activity before contacting, or responding to, a parent or player for discussion.
- I acknowledge that I have the support of the association and all the resources they encompass. I am encouraged to contact my Division Manager for additional support. I am not on my own, especially when dealing with conflict.

- I will have respect for all facilities and equipment used in the sport.
- I will remember that winning isn't everything. Players having fun, improving their skills, making friends and doing their best are also important.

I, the undersigned, agree to abide by the above.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

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

