

## **Parents Code of Conduct**

### **WLSA 2008**

1. This league is in operation for the benefit of the children. The manner in which you conduct yourself has a direct affect on the league's ability to provide a positive experience for the children who participate.
2. Your children will model what they see you do. Be a positive role model. Do not embarrass or humiliate them or yourself.
3. Encourage good sportsmanship at all times by setting a positive example for any child participating in any activity associated with the league.
4. Encourage the voluntary participation of your child. Do not force them to participate.
5. If your children are going to participate in the activities of the league, then you also need to volunteer to do something to ensure the success of your child's experience.
6. Remember this: everyone associated with the league, whether a board member, manager, coach, or umpire, is a volunteer. They are taking time out of their lives to provide a sporting opportunity for your child. Rest assured that each of them is doing the best they can.
7. Learn the rules of the game and support the umpires and league officials in the enforcement of those rules.
8. Do not criticize the other team's players, coaches, or fans. Teach your child to do the same.
9. Unless you are ready to volunteer to be an umpire, do not criticize the umpires.
10. Do not be a 'grandstand manager'. Do not coach from the stands since the children need to respond to the coaches' direction on the field.
11. If something occurs with which you disagree, calmly seek an appropriate solution, at the appropriate time. Instigating or participating in a confrontation in front of any of the children will not be allowed.
12. Insure that your child will be on time and attend all practices and games. When not possible, provide adequate notification to the manager.
13. Likewise, commit to being there when it is time to pick up your child.
14. Refrain from directing any abusive or profane language toward anyone associated with the game.
15. Keep the proper perspective. This is recreational softball and there are no scouts in the stands. Always remember that the overall objective is to provide a fun, sports oriented experience for your children.