

# TUSCARAWAS COUNTY SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

## CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS

All the girls participating are very special individuals because it takes a special individual to participate in such a competitive sport. Each and every girl will strike out and make errors throughout the season. At the time that this happens, we as parents and coaches must praise our young athletes, because no one could feel more down on themselves than an athlete at this moment in time. So just remember the next time your daughter makes a mistake, and she will, she is under enough pressure (real or imagined) from her coaches, teammates, and YOU that a kind word of encouragement from Mom or Dad, coaches and teammates will go a long way!

Coaches are volunteers. Remember that this person is taking his/her **own time** to teach, train and coach your children! We as parents must remember that they are only volunteers and are going to make mistakes. The coaches as well, while not inhuman, and maybe his/her first time as a coach, has feelings also. Sometimes a coach is volunteering because no one else would. He/She is there so your child can play softball.

Umpires are also doing this on their own time. While they do get paid and have gone through training, they also have feelings and can make mistakes. However, TCSA will not tolerate any abuse to an umpire. Remember that this is a game, and it is for our children. Your threats and verbal abuse only demean the sport and embarrasses you and your daughter(s). The umpire has been instructed to eject any parent or coach if abusive. There are no warnings given. Continued abuse could warrant ejection from attending games for the season and can result in your daughter being dismissed from her team.

Foul language will not be permitted toward any coaches, other players, or umpires. Failure to obey will be grounds for dismissal from the game. Any further occurrences can be grounds for dismissal for the season or your daughter being dismissed from the team for the season.

Absolutely no threats will be tolerated to any Coach, Player, or Umpire at any time. Offenders will be dismissed for the season and may be prosecuted by law.

Remember that the coach oversees their bench and spectators. If any parent, player, or other fan is not complying by these rules, the umpire can forfeit the game. Do you want to be the reason your daughter's game is a forfeit, not to see any of her games or possibly end her softball career?

***I have read and agreed to the above-mentioned items. I understand that this is only a game and for the enjoyment of my daughter(s). If I disagree with the coaching or umpiring of any game, I will keep this to myself or volunteer my time next year to coach or take umpire training.***

Please sign and return to the coach!!

