



Mercer County Girls Fastpitch League Coaches Code of Conduct



This Code of Conduct applies to Managers/Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches involved with the Mercer County Girls Fastpitch Softball League (MCGFL). Each coach is to sign this document and return it to the League Secretary who will keep it on file for the year.

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

All coaches will refrain from using foul or improper language, alcoholic beverages, or illegal substances while coaching.

All coaches must refrain from improper behavior that is detrimental to their team, its players, or the League. Improper behavior in this context, includes, but is not limited to, arguing with umpires and/or opposing coaches and fans, mentally or physically abusing girls on his/her team or opposing team, and threatening or using abusive language toward umpires, opposing players, fans, or coaches. Each coach needs to conduct him/herself in such a way so as to be a positive role model to his/her players.

Manager/Head Coaches are responsible for monitoring the behavior of his assistant coaches, players, and the team’s fans. This is a large responsibility and should not be taken lightly. The Manager should carry with them at all times the League Rules and his/her roster of players. The Manager is responsible for order in the team’s dugout. The coaching staff in the dugout can consist of a Manager, Head Coach, 2 assistant coaches, and a Score Keeper. The Score Keeper must have their clearances if in the dugout. No other coaches, parents, siblings, etc. are permitted in the team’s dugout during the game.

Complaints against coaches will be handled by the MCGFL Board of Directors that consists of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and a representative from each community that has a team in the league. The Board decision will be final.

All coaches are required to attend an annual coaches meeting held by the MCGFL Board.

The following outlines the disciplinary procedures of the Mercer County Girls Fastpitch League. However, depending upon the severity of a violation of the Coaches Code of Conduct, even if it is the first violation, it could lead to a coach losing his/her coaching priviledges.

- 1st Violation of the above Coaches Conduct will result in verbal consultation by the MCGFL Board.
- 2nd Violation will result in a sit-down consultation between the MCGFL Board and the coach. Suspension of the coach’s privilege to manage/coach MCGFL teams will accompany.
- 3rd Violation will result in termination of the coach’s privilege to manage/coach and attend MCGFL team events.

With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this contract, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and will do my best to fulfill the promises made herein.

Community Age Division(s)

Coach Name (Print)

Coach Signature Date