### Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

- 1. Remember that your child participates in sport for their own enjoyment, not yours.
- 2. Focus on your child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- 3. Never ridicule or yell at your child and other children for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- 4. Show appreciation for good performance and skilful plays by all players, including opposing players.
- 5. Respect the decisions of officials and coaches and teach young people to do the same.
- 6. Do not physically or verbally abuse anyone associated with the sport (player, coach, umpire etc).
- 7. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- 8. Refrain from engaging in any behaviour that is in breach of Softball Australia's Member Protection Policy.



# Complaints

Breaches of the Sturt Softball Club Code of Conduct should be made in writing to sturtfalcons@gmail.com.

# **Sturt Softball Club Inc**

Code of Conduct



#### Source

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The Member Protection Policy can be viewed on the Softball Australia website.

http://www.softball.org.au

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### **Player Code of Conduct**

- 1. Be a positive role model for softball at all times and value the individual.
- 2. Participate within the competition conditions and rules and in the spirit of fair play.
- 3. Accept victory and defeat with dignity.
- 4. Comply with umpires' decisions in a professional and respectful manner.
- 5. Cooperate with all official requests to promote softball in a professional manner.
- 6. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people, and refrain from any discriminatory practices against any person regardless of age, gender, ethnic origin, religion or ability.
- 7. Refrain from making derogatory, demeaning or discriminatory remarks about any administrators, players, coaches or other players.
- 8. Be professional in your appearance and manner and accept responsibility for your actions.
  - Display high standards in language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation .
  - Display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved with softball, including opponents, coaches, officials, umpires, scorers, administrators, the media, parents and spectators
  - Maintain high standards of personal appearance and behaviour
  - Encourage others to demonstrate the same qualities
  - Refrain from any form of sexual innuendo or harassment towards any player, coach or official. This includes explicit, implicit, verbal and non-verbal sexual harassment.
- 9. Refrain from initiating a relationship with your coach.
- 10. Do not tolerate acts of aggression.
- 11. Perform any duties and responsibilities where you are a representative of the Sturt Softball Club in a mature, fair and professional manner.
- 12. Refrain from engaging in any behaviour that is in breach of Softball Australia's Member Protection Policy.

# **Coach Code of Conduct**

- 1. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of, and refrain from any discriminatory practices against, any person regardless of age, gender, ethnic origin, religion or ability.
- 2. Endeavour to ensure players' time spent with you is a positive experience.
- 3. Respect the talent, developmental stage and goals of each individual player.
- 4. Treat each player as an individual and help them reach their full potential.
- Be reasonable in your demands on your players' time and ensure there is an appropriate balance between sporting involvement, education and career objectives.
- 6. Implement clear rules for players in training and general conduct.
- 7. Be professional in your appearance and manner and accept responsibility for your actions.
- Make a commitment to providing a quality service to your players, your affiliated club, association and state, and to Softball Australia, by continually improving your coaching knowledge and skill.
- 9. Operate within the rules and spirit of the sport.
- 10. Ensure physical contact with players is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- 11. Refrain from any form of personal abuse.
- 12. Refrain from any form of sexual harassment.
- 13. Refrain from initiating a relationship with a player and also discourage, in a sensitive manner, an attempt by a player to initiate a sexual or intimate relationship with you.
- Provide a safe environment for training and competition. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate for the age and ability of the players. Show consideration and caution towards sick and injured players.
- 15. When necessary, follow the advice of a doctor or physiotherapist when determining when a sick or injured player is ready to recommence.
- 16. Be a positive role model for softball and your players.
- 17. Do not tolerate acts of aggression.
- 18. Refrain from engaging in any behaviour that is in breach of Softball Australia's Member Protection Policy.

# **General Code of Conduct**

- 1. Be a positive role model for softball at all times and value the individual.
- 2. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people, and refrain from any discriminatory practices against any person regardless of age, gender, ethnic origin, religion or ability.
- 3. Refrain from making derogatory, demeaning or discriminatory remarks about any administrators, players, coaches or other players.
- 4. Be professional in your appearance and manner and accept responsibility for your actions. Display high standards in language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation. Display control, respect, dignity and professionalism to all involved with softball, including coaches, officials, umpires, scorers, administrators, the media, parents and spectators .
- 5. Be fair, considerate, impartial and honest in all dealing with others.
- 6. Demonstrate a high degree of individual responsibility especially when dealing with persons under 18 years of age, as your words and actions are an example.
- 7. Be aware of, and maintain an uncompromising adherence to Softball Australia standards, policies, regulations and procedures.
- 8. Operate within the rules of softball including national and international guidelines which govern Softball Australia, the Member State and affiliated association and club.
- 9. Understand your responsibility if you breach, or are aware of any breaches of this Code.
- 10. Do not use your involvement with Softball Australia, a Member State or an affiliated association or club to promote your own beliefs, behaviours or practices where these are inconsistent with those of Softball Australia, the Member State or an affiliated association or club.
- 11. Avoid unaccompanied and unobserved activities with persons under 18 years of age, wherever possible.
- 12. Show concern and caution towards others who may be sick or injured.
- 13. Refrain from engaging in any behaviour that is in breach of Softball Australia's Member Protection Policy.