

# West Sac Girls Softball: Code of Conduct

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## Vision

The West Sacramento Girls Softball (WSGS) strives to provide all participants a safe and healthy environment. WSGS espouses the ideals of positive sportsmanship and behavior appropriate for supporting a climate that nurtures the development of good moral, physical, and mental standards for its youth players. As such, WSGS expects all participants in the league to understand the ideals reflected in the Code of Conduct and demonstrate acceptable behavior at all times.

## Responsibility for Conduct

The following section outlines six areas of unacceptable behavior and provides the potential minimum and maximum penalties for violations. Players, league volunteers, parents, and spectators with past Code of Conduct violations may face more severe penalties than those identified as potential maximum penalties below.

Managers are responsible for ensuring that all players, league volunteers, parents, and spectators associated with their team uphold the standards set by WSGS.

<b>Players, league volunteers, parents, and spectators shall not:</b>	<b>Potential minimum penalty</b>	<b>Potential maximum penalty</b>
Consume alcohol or use illegal drugs, marijuana, or tobacco in the playing area during practices, games, or other league activities where players are present.	Ejection from field or playing area	Ban from field or playing area for all practices, games, or other league activities and report to appropriate authorities, where applicable
Use umpire signals or phrases (e.g., "safe," "out," "swing") that could confuse players, managers, or coaches.	Suspension for remainder of game	Suspension for two full games following the game of incident
Initiate unwanted physical contact, demonstrate hostile behavior, or engage in physical aggression toward any player, game official, league volunteer, director, or spectator during practices, games, or other league activities.	Ejection from practice, game, or other league activity and suspension for two full games immediately following the ejection	Suspension for the remainder of the season <sup>1</sup> and the next full season
Use vulgar language, hate speech, or verbal abuse toward any player, game official, league volunteer or director, agency representative, or spectator during practices, games, other league activities, or via social media or other settings including, but not limited to, taunting, harassment, intimidation, threats, bullying, or offensive gestures.	Ejection from practice, game, or other league activity and suspension for two full games immediately following the ejection	Suspension for remainder of the season and the next full season
Refuse to abide by a decision or ruling made by a game official or league volunteer or director in the course of a	Ejection from practice, game, or other league activity and suspension for the next full	Suspension for remainder of the season

<sup>1</sup> "Season" for the purposes of the Code of Conduct refers to all WSGS programs in the calendar year, including Spring Season, All-Stars, Fall Ball, Select Team..

practice, game, or other league activity	game immediately following the ejection	
Fail to leave the field or playing area immediately if ejected	Suspension for next full game immediately following the game of ejection	Suspension for remainder of the season
<b>Coach:</b>		
<p>Game umpires will be treated with respect and supported by the coach.</p> <p>a) The coach shall not indulge in conduct which will incite players or spectators against the umpires.</p> <p>b) Public criticism of umpires or players.</p>	Ejection from practice, game, or other league activity and suspension for the next full game immediately following the ejection	Suspension for remainder of the season
Coaches should confine their discussion to the rules and not challenge umpire decisions involving judgment. Understand that judgment calls (ball/strike, safe/out) are not debatable or appealable under any circumstances. Teach your team to learn how to accept discretionary calls that go against them, and work to overcome them. Use appropriate methods of appeal during the game if there's a rule interpretation issue.	Ejection from practice, game, or other league activity and suspension for the next full game immediately following the ejection	Suspension for remainder of the season
I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my teammates and opponents ahead of my desire to win.		

# Violation Review Process

If unacceptable behavior is witnessed and/or a manager's attempt to resolve a problem directly or with the assistance of a league Board member is unsuccessful, a formal complaint should be submitted in writing to the league President, including date and time of offense, details of the event, and names and contact information of witnesses where available. The Board President will coordinate with the board to determine if the complaint may be a violation of the Code of Conduct and gather additional information where necessary.

A Code of Conduct violation review will be initiated for complaints deemed to be a potential violation. The league President has the power to immediately suspend any person with a serious enough charge against the person to warrant such action, until after the hearing. The following process will be used as a general guide for the Code of Conduct violation review.

- Violation review hearing scheduled for next regularly-scheduled league Board of Directors meeting
- Involved parties invited to address Board members in a time-limited (no more than 10 minutes) open session during the Board of Directors meeting
- Violation review completed by Board members during closed session at the Board of Directors meeting
- After the completion of the hearing, the Board of Directors will do one of the following: admonish, temporarily suspend, expel, establish probationary period, or acquit the accused
- Involved parties will be notified in writing of the results of the hearing within 10 days following the Board of Directors meeting

# Acknowledgement

A registered player or league volunteer will not be permitted to participate in practices, games, or other league activities until this document is signed and returned to the manager.

By signing below, I/we:

- Agree to abide by the Code of Conduct as outlined above
- Acknowledge that the Code of Conduct has been described in detail to the registered player, where applicable
- Understand that spouses, relatives, or friends who attended practices, games, or other league activities are subject to the Code of Conduct

Parent/Guardian/League Volunteer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

For parents/guardians, please list the name(s) of the registered player(s):

Player 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3: \_\_\_\_\_

For league volunteers, please check the appropriate box:

- Manager
- Coach
- Dugout parent
- Scorekeeper
- Other, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_