



GREENWOOD LASSIE LEAGUE SOFTBALL

GLL Coach's Code of Conduct

Our Coaches are the "face" of the Greenwood Lassie League to our parents, players, umpires, schools, and our community at large. Thus, each coach is expected to maintain a high level of integrity and professionalism both on and off the field. A coach's primary responsibility is to develop good citizens and softball players, and to instill a passion for the game in the players. Thus, our coach's performance is not measured by wins and losses, rather in what he/she teaches the players in terms of technique, sportsmanship, and fair play.

- ✓ I will ultimately take responsibility for my conduct, the conduct of my assistants, players and spectators.
- ✓ I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- ✓ As a coach, I want to win and strive to win, but not "win at all costs."
- ✓ I will ensure that all players will participate in the end of season tournament.
- ✓ I will seek to achieve excellence in my players and myself.
- ✓ I will strive to keep abreast of current learning techniques and knowledge of the game.
- ✓ I will be knowledgeable of the rules of the game and I will teach them to my players.
- ✓ I will listen and learn from my players and other coaches.
- ✓ I will share my coaching style, playing-time philosophy, player expectations, team rules and season goals with my players and their parents before the season starts.
- ✓ I will do my best to be prepared and to organize practices that are fun and challenging to my players.
- ✓ I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- ✓ I will provide a softball environment for my players that is free of drugs, including tobacco and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all practices and games.
- ✓ I will treat parents, players, officials, fans and other coaches with respect regardless of race, sex, religion or ability, and I will expect to be treated accordingly.
- ✓ I will refrain from arguing disputed calls or engaging in arguments with umpires, other coaches or representatives of the GLL in front of the players during games.

Rules of Coaching during the 2012 season at GLL

- ✓ Initial contact with your players must be made by **Tuesday, March 27th**. The parents and players have been made aware of this date and are expecting to be contacted by that date. If they haven't been, they have been instructed to contact Pat Daugherty, GLL Commissioner.
- ✓ New Coaching Applicants will be required to interview with members of the board on Tuesday, February 21st.
- ✓ Applicants that are chosen as a coach for the 2012 season will be required to attend a mandatory meeting/draft on Tuesday, March 20th at Westwood Elementary Library at 6:30 p.m. Please enter through the door marked 12S on the south side of the building.)
- ✓ Selected coaches will be required to attend player evaluations on Saturday, March 10th from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- ✓ The Team Parent will be responsible for distributing all fundraisers to players who opted to sell the fundraiser and will be responsible for collecting their team's fundraiser money and turning in to Shelly Meyer by **April 28th**. **(THIS DATE WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED AND IT IS NOT THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY TO TRACK PEOPLE DOWN) If the money is not turned in by April 28th, that player will not be given their uniform or allowed to play in games on Opening Day, May 5th.**
- ✓ Practices may begin the week of March 26th, but no later than the week of April 2nd.
- ✓ You must practice at least two times per week prior to the season, weather permitting.
- ✓ You **are required** to help out at field workdays on April 14th, April 21st and/or 28th.
- ✓ You **MUST** participate in Opening Day morning & afternoon festivities (i.e. parade, games, etc.), or get a parent to step in so that your team does not miss out on these events.
- ✓ No girl will be benched for more than one inning per game.
- ✓ You **MUST** rotate players around to both infield and outfield positions, without putting them in danger of getting hurt.
- ✓ Although it is not required, your help would be greatly appreciated at our Triple Play All-Star Tournament June 21st - 24th.

By signing this contract, I (Print Name) _____, agree with and am willing to make these commitments to my team to be a coach of the Greenwood Lassie League. Any breach of this contract will result in an appearance before a Grievance Committee to determine consequences for their actions.

Coach's Signature

Date

Full Name Printed

Date of Birth (needed for background check)