



**Elk Grove Girls Softball League  
Coaches - Code of Conduct Contract**

**Purpose** - Elk Grove Girls Softball League (EGGSL) coaches have a responsibility to foster an environment that supports good sportsmanship while providing fundamental development and growth through the sport of softball. In order to provide such conditions we are all held to the Code of Conduct set forth in the EGGSL bylaws and the expectations set forth below:

As a coach in EGGSL, I will adhere to the following principles:

**1. I understand the importance of providing a positive experience and environment for the players.**

- As a coach, I understand EGGSL has given me the privilege and primary responsibility for developing players – not only with regard to their softball skills but their life skills, as well. I will always put their well-being first. I will strive to ensure the players have a positive softball experience. I will teach my players basic skills, techniques and strategies, and I will give all my players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence, and develop self-esteem at practice and in games.
- I will arrive on time to practices and games wearing proper athletic attire at all times.
- I will never ridicule or shout at players when they make a mistake or when the team loses.
- I understand that I am responsible for the conduct of my players and spectators, specifically as it relates to the umpires, other coaches, and opposing players.
- I will not allow my spectators to yell at or complain to umpires during or after games.
- I will insist that parents refrain from shouting instructions to players, but will encourage them to cheer on any and all players during the game.

**2. I understand that softball is more than the scoreboard.**

- I understand that the score of a game comes second to the safety and welfare of all my players and teammates.
- I agree to put winning in its proper perspective.
- I understand the children I coach today will remember the things I do and say when they are adults.
- I will show unwavering respect for all players, parents, officials, and the opposing team.

**3. I understand my role as a coach when it comes to opposing teams.**

- I understand I represent EGGSL and the community at large, and will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
- I will not coach/play, nor allow my players to play, with intent to cause injury to opposing players.
- I will strive to ensure that neither I nor my players and spectators display hostile behavior

towards umpires, opposing coaches, opposing players, and opposing parents or family members.

- I will actively discuss with my players the importance of character, ethics, and sportsmanship. I will be gracious in victory and accept defeat with dignity.
- At the end of each game, my players and I will shake our opponent's hands and I will instill respect in pre/post-game rituals.

**4. I understand the importance of allowing umpires to call the game and I will let the umpire do his or her job.**

- I will endeavor to instill in my players and my spectators a respect for umpires.
- I understand my attitude can influence my players and spectators.
- I will display a controlled, restrained, and sportsmanlike attitude toward umpires at all times.

**5. I will abide by the rules of the game.**

- I understand I am responsible for understanding and competing within the letter and the spirit of the EGGSL rules of the game.
- I will teach my players to understand and play within the letter and spirit of the rules as well.
- I will never, knowingly or intentionally, violate the EGGSL player participation rules or any other rules established by EGGSL.
- I understand I have responsibilities to EGGSL which include securing volunteers for games and League events, attending League work days, communicating with my player agent and/or board, and maintenance of fields before and after each game.

**6. I agree to refrain from all alcohol and tobacco use while in the dugout, on the field, or in the general vicinity of where players and parents may interact during an EGGSL affiliated game or practice.**

**7. I agree to conduct myself with dignity and to maintain the highest standards of conduct as a coach with EGGSL.**

- I will always display good sportsmanship and fair play and I will encourage the same from my players, parents, and spectators.

**8. I have read the EGGSL Rules and Code of Conduct.**

- This contract does not supersede the EGGSL Code of Conduct but is supplemental to secure the commitment of these expectations and code of conduct while representing the league. If I fail to comply with this EGGSL Coach and Player Code of Conduct Agreement or any other rules or regulations enacted by EGGSL, I agree and understand that I am subject to disciplinary actions or sanctions, including, but not limited to, suspension or expulsion from coaching in EGGSL. By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have read and understand this Coaches' Code of Conduct.

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Head Coaches Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Division: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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