



**Columbia Falls Youth Softball (CFYSA)
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The Columbia Falls Youth Softball Association (CFYSA) appreciates our volunteers taking time to help us make this program successful and enjoyable for everyone involved. A coach's responsibility includes providing a safe environment for all players, instilling sportsmanship, and teaching the fundamental skills of softball. Below you will find the expectations that the CFYSA board of directors have for each coach within our league.

- Coaches are required to attend the Coaching Clinic each season.
- Coaches will show up prepared for games and practices.
- Coaches must always promote good sportsmanship and attitude and to make sure that their players do the same.
- There is absolutely **NO** tobacco, alcohol, vape, or other mind altering substances allowed at the CFYSA grounds.
- Different players have different abilities and coaches should celebrate great effort and steady improvement just as much as great athlete achievements
- Coaches should teach their players to show leadership, not arrogance. Make sure to point out how your players get better each practice and game. Celebrate successes and build upon those.
- Coaches will refrain from displaying an argumentative approach with other coaches, players, and teammates. Use the proper chain of command to resolve issues on the field – Head Coach discussion with umpire; after game Head Coach discussion with a CFYSA Board Member.
- Our league has a ZERO TOLERANCE policy for any umpire abuse that is reported and confirmed by umpires, spectators, managers/coaches, or board members. Umpire abuse is defined in a deliberate action that makes an umpire feel physically threatened, verbally intimidated or emotionally humiliated. Disrespectfully objecting calls, yelling at, publicly calling, constantly disagreeing with an umpire by action or verbally can be deemed as umpire abuse. Coaches should always show decorum, respect, and observe all game rules whenever questioning an umpire about a call.

- Coaches must go through the President or Vice President with any issues, concerns, or complaints. If a problem arises with any parent or player, you must let the President or Vice President know as soon as possible.
- Coaches are responsible for preparing the field for practice and games. They are responsible for putting CFYSA bases, appropriate pitching distance, and chalking of the field.
- Coaches are responsible for returning the bases and any other league equipment (pitching rubbers, chalk box, tools, etc.) to the appropriate storage area. Keep storage areas neat and orderly.
- Coaches are responsible for raking and maintaining the infield after the game, i.e. rake/drag the field.
- Coaches are responsible for ensuring the fields and team areas are clean following all practices and games (remove all trash, water bottles, etc.)

