

PBGYAA Girls Softball

Coaches & Spectators

Rules of Conduct

(Note: Reference to "Board" means the sports division board specifically involved in the rules violation manner. Disciplinary action by one board, especially extended, i.e. "for the season", suspensions of an individual's coaching privilege, will be enforced by all division boards. Only through formal appeal to the PBGYAA Board can this prohibition from coaching in another divisions be waived)

Coaches will not taunt or verbally harass and umpire/referee.

1. Coaches must request and receive a time out from the umpire/referee before approaching umpire/referee to discuss a game situation. Discussions with the umpire/referee will take place "out of the hearing range" of the players (i.e. bench) and adults (i.e. stands). The umpire/referee will allow sufficient time for discussion and consideration of the issue. However the umpire/referee has complete discretion to conclude the discussion whenever no further progress is apparent.
2. Coaches will not "get into the face" of an umpire/referee; will not yell or become abusive (i.e. kick dirt, etc.).
3. In 1, 2, & 3 the umpire/referee will "conclude" the situation by distinctly asking the coach to return to the bench area, but only twice. If the coach will not comply. the umpire/referee will require the coach to leave the game/facilities.
4. Coaches will not use abusive or foul language, yell in anger or frustration, especially at the umpire/referee or players. If heard by the umpire/referee, the coach will be distinctly warned only twice, and then the umpire/referee will require the coach to leave the game/facilities.
5. Spectators and coaches are prohibited from "yelling at or taunting" players, umpire/referee, or other spectators or coaches. Only words of support or encouragement for the players and coaches are permitted. The umpire/referee distinctly shall request the person(s) who may be yelling or taunting to curtail such action only two times and will direct spectator(s) and/or coach to leave the facilities/game if continued.
6. Coaches are prohibited from taunting players, i.e. "(s)he's an easy out!". "(S)he can't skate". Only words of support or encouragement for the players, on both teams, are permitted. Coaches will be warned only twice about such conduct, and will be ejected from the game if continued.
7. The umpire/referee is given complete control of all game circumstances. If a coach is not satisfied with the result of a discussion with the umpire/referee and an issue remains a major concern, the coach will advise the umpire/referee that the game is being "protested". If a game is played "under protest" or if a coach is not satisfied with the actions of a umpire/referee, the coach will be responsible for bringing the matter to the attention of the Division Board. Coaches will not take any "extreme actions" as is prohibited/defined in these rules during the game to argue their position.

