



## **STMA GIRLS FASTPITCH COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

**The STMA Girls Fastpitch Association is dedicated to raising the standard of service to youth in sports through the creation and enforcement of the Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct defines the expectations for coaches. STMA firmly believes that for the sports experience is to be a positive, safe, and an enjoyable learning experience for youth of the league.**

### **Coaches' Code of Conduct:**

- ⌚ **I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.**
- ⌚ **I will treat each player as an individual, and expect age appropriate skills from all my players.**
- ⌚ **I will direct my players at all times to play by the rules and to show respect for the other players, coaches and the referee.**
- ⌚ **I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.**
- ⌚ **I will teach my players in a positive, nurturing manner. I will not berate, intimidate or bully my players into learning.**
- ⌚ **I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players on and off the field.**
- ⌚ **I will exhibit respect for the umpires and other coaches. I will speak with the umpires and other coaches in a civil, calm manner. I will not openly berate, taunt or otherwise comment negatively on the umpires or other coaches.**

- ⌚ **I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for the children and not the adults.**
- ⌚ **I will adhere to the Coaches Code of Conduct while participating in any activity related to this league.**
- ⌚ **I will not use vulgar or discriminating vocabulary at anytime.**
- ⌚ **I will abide by the guidelines and policies of the facilities that I practice and play games in which are set STMA and/or the School District.**
- ⌚ **I will demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free sports environment for my team and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all games and practices.**

**In the event a coach is deemed to be not in compliance with this code of conduct the following will occur:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Time: Verbal Warning**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Time: Written Warning**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Time: Dismissal from the program**

**Coach's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_