



**** MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 3/15/22 ****

Franklin Girls Softball Coach Code of Conduct & Commitment

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Registered with USA Softball? (circle one): **YES** **NO** USA Registration #: _____

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Are you (check all that apply):

Parent/Guardian of Player Returning Coach from 2021 Board Member Sponsor Other

If Parent/Guardian, name of player: _____

If Returning Coach, name of team: _____

If Sponsor, name of business: _____

If Other, be specific: _____

What level would you be interested in coaching (check all that apply):

6U (4-6) 8U (6-8) 10U (8-10) 12U (10-12) 14U (12-14)

What job are you interested in (check all that apply):

Head Coach Assistant Coach Score Keeper

Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL 2X 3X Other: ____ (Visors & Hats available to purchase through league apparel site)

Coaching Experience				
Years	League	Age Group	Role	Contact (name/phone)
Playing Experience				
Years	League	State	Position Played	Contact (name/phone)

If no softball coaching or playing experience, please provide two references.

Name:		Phone:		Email:	
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**** COACHES TAKE NOTICE ****

All chosen head coaches, assistant coaches and scorekeepers will be **required** to attend a mandatory coach's meeting prior to the start of the season. **All coaches must complete a background check, ACE Training and Safesport through USA Softball (registerusasoftball.com)**. Training must be completed by the end of March or the first practice (whichever comes first). Upon request, after successful completion, Franklin Girls Softball will reimburse approved coaches the cost of the educational courses. All Coaches will be voted on by the league Board of Directors at the March board meeting. Applying to be a coach does not guarantee you will be selected, however the Board of Directors will do their best to include as many applicants as possible.

For Board Use Only

	Approved by Board:	YES	NO (explain to left)		
	Position Approved For:	Coach	Asst. Coach	Score Keeper	
	Team/Age Group:				
	ACE Taken:				
	Reimbursement Requested:				



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All coaches will follow the guidelines set below by the Franklin Girls Softball Board of Directors. Please read and sign below.

Equality:

- I will treat each player as an individual; recognizing that not all players have the same ability when it comes to some physical tasks, drills and demands.
- I will encourage all players, regardless of skill level, to be included as a member of the team.
- I will include all players without regard to race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, disability or any other state of federal protected class.

Safety & Health:

- I will place emotion and physical well-being of player ahead of anything else, encouraging players to remain active in youth sports.
- I will maintain a high level of awareness of potentially unsafe conditions and do what I can to provide the safest playing situations for all players. This includes, but is not limited to, the playing fields and equipment.
- I will use appropriate safety equipment to help guarantee the players' safety and reduce injury.
- I will understand and practice basic first aid at all practices and games and will report any issues immediately.
- I will ensure that injured players do not return to activity until they are cleared to do so, either by a parent or medical personnel.
- I will support and provide a sports environment for the team that is free of drugs, alcohol and tobacco and refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will ensure that I, as well as my players, adhere to all COVID-19 guidelines set by the Board of Directors.

Respect, Sportsmanship & Dedication:

- I will Keep in mind that this is a youth sports program and as a coach the game is intended for the players and not the adults. My desire to win should not outweigh that of your players.
- I will always put the children first.
- I will treat all players, league officials, umpires, parents and spectators with respect. Any issues will be discussed in a professional manner or brought to the Coach Agent or league President for resolve.
- I will use appropriate language and tone at all times.
- I will lead by example by demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship.
- I will maintain a positive attitude and always be gracious win or lose.
- I agree to make sure practices and games are scheduled on a fairly regular basis and that they will only be cancelled with valid cause and approval from the Board of Directors. Reasonable attempts will be made to make alternate arrangements before cancelling.

Learning & Development:

- I will place emphasis on participation, skill development and having fun.
- I will do my best to give all players a chance to play in each game in accordance to participation rules of the league.
- I am knowledgeable of USA Softball and league rules and am able to teach them.
- I will make practices fun, varied, challenging and aimed at improving all players' skills.
- I will make sure practice is a reasonable amount of time and intensity will be based on age group and skill.
- I will discourage illegal or dangerous play.

Franklin Girls Softball reserves the right to release any coach for failure to follow the above Code of Conduct. Severity of the issue may result in season release or permanent release. By signing below, I agree to adhere to the above Code of Conduct. I understand that if I have any questions they will be answered by a member of the Franklin Girls Softball Board of Directors. I also understand that I will be held accountable for my actions. I understand, that just because my application was accepted does not guarantee a coaching position with Franklin Girls Softball this season. I authorize the league to perform a background check in accordance with the requirements set forth by USA Softball. I also give them permission to check my experience and contact my references. All information in this report is confidential and is the property of Franklin Girls Softball.

Signature: _____

Date: _____