

## Code of Conduct - Coaches

You, as a coach, can have a major effect on the development of an athlete of any age. The experiences our athletes have on and off the softball field, will last for lifetime and we hope it instills the love of the game. The Foothills FURY Fastpitch Association works to ensure the coach/athlete relationship and the educational setting is always a positive experience so that each athlete's learning curve can be maximized to its fullest.

In order to enjoy the season and to allow others to do the same, FURY asks that coaches and assistant coaches please follow these guidelines:

- I will be a role model for each athlete that I coach by using praise, positive encouragement, displaying control, professionalism, and respect for my team, Foothills Fury Fastpitch Association and Calgary Minor Softball Association.
- I will be familiar with and coach under Calgary Minor Softball Association rules.
- I will encourage sportsmanship, and be courteous and respectful to all athletes, parents/guardians, coaches, officials, umpires and other fans of the game.
- I will be reasonable when scheduling practices and other activities, remembering that the athletes on my team have other interests and obligations.
- I will ensure all players on my team receive equal skill development, support and fair playing time.
- I will teach the athletes on my team play fairly and to respect the rules, the officials, their opponents and their teammates.
- I will always show concern towards sick and injured athletes and will advise with medical professionals as to whether they are ready to play again.
- I will not ridicule or yell at the players on my team for making mistakes or performing poorly. I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- I will make sure that the equipment and facilities are safe and match the ages and abilities of the players on my team.
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills so I am able to develop the athlete's skills and understanding of the game of softball.
- I will demand a sports environment for my athletes that is free from drugs (including cannabis), tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:
  - Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league organization.
  - Written warning.
  - Coaching game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organization(s) involved.
  - Coaching season suspension.



## **2019 Foothills Fury Coaching Agreement Form**

Being a coach or assistant coach within the Foothills Fury Fastpitch Association,

I \_\_\_\_\_, have read and agree to adhere, and abide to the Policies and Procedures outlined by the Association specifically including (and not limited to):

- Coaching Policy and Procedures
- Inventory Policy
- Fundraising Policy
- Social Media Policy
- Substance Use Policy
- Abuse and Harassment Policy
- Injury and Return from Injury Procedure
- Code of Conduct – Coaches

Name (printed):

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Date (YYYY/MM/DD): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Signature:

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