

Umpire Code of Conduct

1. Umpires shall bear a great responsibility for engendering public confidence in sports.
2. Umpires shall be free of obligation to any interest other than the impartial and fair judging of softball competitions.
3. Umpires shall hold and maintain the basic tenets of officiating which include history, integrity, neutrality, respect, sensitivity, professionalism, discretion, and tactfulness.
4. Umpires shall master both rules of the game and mechanics necessary to enforce the rules, and shall exercise authority in an impartial, firm and controlled manner.
5. Umpires shall uphold the honor and dignity of the profession in all interactions with student -athletes, coaches, school administrators, colleagues, and the public.
6. Umpires shall display and execute superior communication skills, both verbal and non-verbal.
7. Umpires shall recognize that anything that may lead to a conflict of interest, either real or apparent, must be avoided. Gifts, favors, special treatment, privileges, employment or a personal relationship with a school or team that can compromise the perceived impartiality of officiating must be avoided.
8. Umpires shall prepare themselves both physically and mentally; shall dress neatly and appropriately to, during and from a contest; and shall comport themselves in a manner consistent with the high standards of the profession.
9. Umpires shall not be party to actions designed to unfairly limit or restrain access to umpiring, umpiring assignments or to association membership. That includes selection for positions of leadership based upon economic factors, race, creed, color, age, sex, physical handicap, country or national origin.
10. Umpires shall be punctual and professional in the fulfillment of all contractual obligations .
11. Umpires shall work with each other and their governing bodies in a constructive and cooperative manner.
12. Umpires shall resist every temptation and outside pressure to use one's position as an umpire to benefit oneself.
13. Umpires shall never participate in any form of illegal gambling on sports contest, may never gamble on any sporting event in which they have either a direct or indirect involvement, and may never gamble on events involving high school athletics.
14. Umpires shall not make false or misleading statements regarding their qualifications, rating, credentials, experience, training, or competence.
15. Umpires shall accept responsibility for all actions taken.