

UMPIRE MANUAL

CODE OF ETHICS FOR UMPIRES

1. Honor all contracts regardless of possible inconvenience or financial basis in a punctual and professional manner.
2. Study the rules and mechanics of the game diligently, observe the work of other good umpires, and attempt to improve at all times.
3. Remember that while your work as an umpire is important, you must conduct yourself in such a way that spectator attention is directed to the players during the game and not at you.
4. Dress and maintain your appearance in a manner befitting the dignity and importance of the umpire.
5. Be fair and unbiased in your decisions, rendering them without regard to the score or the quality of the play on the field.
6. Cooperate and be professional in your associations with your fellow umpires and do nothing to cause them public embarrassment.
7. Be firm but not overbearing; positive but never rude; dignified but never 'cocky.' Remember the good umpire doesn't have to have the last word.
8. Be prepared both physically and mentally to administer the game.
9. Do not smoke on or in the vicinity of the playing field, nor drink any alcoholic beverages before the game you are to work.
10. Do not give information which might be used by a team's future opponent.
11. Keep in mind that the game is more important than the wishes of any individual player or coach or the ambitions of any individual umpire.
12. You represent USA Softball at all times. Avoid comments, conversations and social media presentations that reflect negatively on you and your representations of USA Softball.
13. Administer the game with clear, concise, and proper communication skills both verbal and nonverbal.
14. Accept responsibility for all your actions.