

## PLAYERS' CODE OF CONDUCT



As a member of the Sydney Outfielders Softball Association, I will:

- respect team captains, umpires and committee members. I appreciate that they're volunteers who give their time to the Association so that we can all have fun on the day and at social events.
- respect my team members, other Association members and spectators. I'll display good sportsmanship at all times; that is, fair play and goodwill. At the end of the day, it's a game, not a life and death situation.
- be friendly, courteous and always hear what the other person has to say, even if I don't agree.
- always follow the appropriate channels – that is, via team captains – should my team need to challenge decisions and understand that I may not always get my way.
- never insult, criticise, verbally abuse or sexually harass any members or spectators.
- never resort to physical threats or actions in response to a situation. For example, no hat throwing, no bat flinging, no poking people or getting in their personal space.
- happily pitch in and help, and do my duties when required, all with a smile on my face.
- ensure that I will not be intoxicated before, or become intoxicated during, any game.
- acknowledge that it's my team's responsibility to keep our spectators' behaviour under control, and that I will follow any reasonable direction given by the umpires and team captains, if required.
- be proud to be a member of the Outfielders. And I'll have FUN doing it.

By registering as a member of the Association, I agree to abide by the Association's code of conduct and rules.

I acknowledge that any breach of this code will be directed to the Committee and that the umpire and team captains have the authority to immediately eject me from the game.

I understand if I do not follow or abide by the above code of conduct, I may be subject to disciplinary action.

*Thanks to the Sydney Women's Baseball League for providing the basis for this code.*