

SMSUA Code of Conduct/Ethics

1. Honor all contracts and assignments.
2. Develop and maintain a comprehensive knowledge base of all softball rules and all umpire mechanics for the leagues and divisions you umpire.
3. Be fair and unbiased in making all decisions, rendering them without regard to the score.
4. When in uniform or on site, refrain from fraternizing with players, coaches and/or spectators.
5. Listen to a coach's concerns/questions and respond in a professional manner.
6. Be courteous and display a dignified attitude toward the game and its participants.
7. Cooperate and be professional with your fellow umpires.
8. Present yourself in a professional manner on the field through actions, appearance and timely arrival prior to the game.
9. Do not use tobacco in any form on the field.
10. Do not drink alcohol while in any part of your uniform, or prior to any assigned game(s).
11. Do not make any comments or statements, take any action or write anything to anyone which might jeopardize SMSUA in any fashion.
12. Be prepared both physically and mentally to administer the game.
13. Your actions reflect upon every single member of SMSUA and the umpiring community in general. Your actions while representing our association in any manner must be above reproach.