

BASU Code of Conduct

- 1) Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every human being regardless of age, gender, ethnic origin, religion or ability.
- 2) Be professional in your appearance and manner and accept responsibility for your actions.
 - Display high standards in language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation.
 - Display control, respect, dignity and a professional manner to all involved with softball (including athletes, coaches, officials, scorers, administrators, the media, parents and spectators), and encourage other umpires to demonstrate the same qualities.
 - Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction.
- 3) Make a commitment to providing quality service to umpiring by seeking continual improvement of your umpiring knowledge and skill through study, performance appraisal and regular updating of competencies.
- 4) Maintain and improve your umpire accreditation.
- 5) Operate within the rules and spirit of softball. Abide by and respect the regulations governing softball and sport generally, and organisations and individuals administering those regulations.
- 6) Refrain from any form of personal abuse towards athletes -- this includes verbal, physical, and emotional abuse.
- 7) Refrain from any form of sexual harassment -- this includes explicit, implicit, verbal and non-verbal sexual harassment.
- 8) Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else. Ensure that equipment and facilities meet with rule requirements and safety standards.
- 9) Be impartial.
- 10) Value the individual in sport.
- 11) Avoid any situation that may lead to a conflict of interest.
- 12) Show concern and caution towards sick and injured athletes.
- 13) Encourage access to all areas of umpiring.
- 14) Be a positive role model for your sport and for umpiring.