



## Mountain Dream Girls Fast-pitch Softball

A head coach must be a leader. All head coaches must recognize that they hold an important position and responsibility in a program that deals with a sensitive and formative period in a child's life. He/she must have understanding, patience, and the ability to work with children. The coaches must be aware that the attainment of exceptional athletic skills or the winning of games and championships are secondary; and the teaching of good sportsmanship, teamwork, honesty, loyalty, and respect is of primary importance.

All coaches will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times. The head coaches will take responsibility for the actions of themselves, assistant coaches, parents, and players at any league function. They must demonstrate that they have an appreciation of the philosophy of youth softball and cooperate with the Board of Directors and others, in making the program of mutual benefit to all children.

The selection of managers and coaches is the jurisdiction of the Mountain Dream (MD) Committee and its League Commissioner and managers.

No profanity or misconduct (i.e. fighting) is permitted at any event sponsored by MD.

Judgment calls of an umpire must not be questioned. The head coaches MUST show, by example, that they respect the judgment and position of authority of the umpire, and at the same time, instill in their players a respect for authority of adult leaders in the league. The head coach must exercise a leadership role, but at the same time leave the game in the hands of the players. If there is reasonable doubt that any umpire's decision might be in conflict with the rules, the head coach may appeal the decision and request a correct ruling be made. Such appeal shall be made only to the umpire who made the protested decision.

The head coach must also encourage players at every opportunity. The head coach must know the playing rules set forth by the MD recreational league or travel league (ASA/NSA/USSSA) and be able to interpret them correctly. The head coach must make every possible effort to correct any violation of the rules before they occur to prevent a protest situation. It is also recommended that all managers have a basic knowledge of first aid and safety.

Any manager or coach ejected from a game must leave the park immediately. After receiving the umpire's report that a manager or coach has been ejected, the league director shall conduct an investigation of the occurrence and determine if further disciplinary action is warranted. Any use of Alcohol, drugs, or tobacco by managers or coaches at any practices or games will not be tolerated.

The head coach must also be aware that the MD Committee, by the power vested therein and within the MD by-laws, has the power to remove any manager or coach from his/her position if his/her actions are viewed as detrimental to the team or the well being of the league or association. The head coach does have the right to a hearing before the Board in such cases as outlined in the by-laws.

I agree to abide by the rules and regulations stated above and in the by-laws for managers and coaches in the MD Softball Association. My signature on this application gives the MD the right to do a criminal background check. It can also be used to decide whether or not I will be approved to manage or coach.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Have you ever been convicted of a crime or felony?

No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If **YES**, return the form unsigned with an attached statement explaining the criminal offense of which you were convicted, the date of the conviction, the court in which the conviction occurred and any other statement, which you would like to make.

Have you ever been removed or disciplined from any sports team or youth sports organization as a coach or manager in the last 10 years? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

If **YES**, return the form unsigned with an attached statement explaining the misconduct of which you were removed or disciplined, the date of the removal, and terms of the disciplinary action.

I hereby affirm that I have not been convicted of any felony criminal offense. I understand that the MD Softball Association may conduct a criminal background check.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

On behalf of the MD Committee, we would like to thank you for your interest in managing and coaching for the MD Softball Association. One of our main objectives is to teach our kids how to be better softball players in an environment that is fun for all involved.

**Managing and coaching are privileges, not rights**, in the MD Softball Association. All coaches are appointed on an annual basis and the fact that you may have had a team last season **DOES NOT GUARANTEE** that you will have a team this season. The MD Committee appoints **ALL COACHES**, and should a situation arise in which your actions are deemed to be not in the best interest of the players, or MD, the MD Committee has the right to remove you as a manager or coach.

**Attendance at all instructional clinics and league meetings is strongly recommended unless otherwise noted.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name (if playing): \_\_\_\_\_

Position for which you are volunteering:

Manager \_\_\_\_\_  
Coach \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant \_\_\_\_\_  
Team Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle shirt size:    S        M        L        XL        XXL        XXXL  
(A shirt and hat will be provided to the head coach and assistant coach)

Division for which you are volunteering:

8U \_\_\_\_\_    10U \_\_\_\_\_    12U \_\_\_\_\_    14U \_\_\_\_\_    16U \_\_\_\_\_    18U \_\_\_\_\_

*Please List Experience:* \_\_\_\_\_

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*Coaches or managers you would like to team up with if possible:* \_\_\_\_\_

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**PLEASE READ AND SIGN BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM**