

## Foothill Citrus Softball Officials Association Code of Ethics for the 2020 Season

As a member of Foothill Citrus Softball Officials Association agree to follow the following code of ethics.

1. Honor all contracts regardless of possible inconvenience or financial basis.
2. Study the rules of the games diligently, observe the work of other good officials 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 at the players during the game and not you.
4. Dress and Maintain your appearance in a manner befitting the dignity and the 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 association with your fellow umpires and do nothing to cause them public embarrassment.
7. Be firm but not overbearing; positive but never rude. Remember the good umpire does not have to have the last word.
8. Be prepared both physically and mentally to administer the game.
9. Do not use tobacco products 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 that 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. As a member of FCSOA I will honor and respect the law of privacy "As a need to know".
13. Arrive at the field with enough time to complete a pre-game mechanics review with your partner and check the field conditions and each team's equipment as required.

*As an umpire my sole duty is to umpire a ball game as the representative of FCSOA. In all my actions and conduct, keeping in mind that as an umpire, my position calls for the settling of controversies on the ball field and not starting them elsewhere. It is a trying position, which requires patience and good judgment. I will remember that the first essential in working out a bad situation is to keep my temper and self control. I will follow the prerequisites for Good Umpiring as described in the National Federation of High School, Softball Officials Manual.*

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_