

Please follow the link below to register as a coach and take the required training for the season. If you completed this last year, you may not be required to go through all, but the platform will assign you what you need.

A few notes as you work through this.

- Expect each training requested to take about 40 minutes.
- Please note there is NO COST associated with this registration. It assigns a value of \$0 to the "Purchase".
- Once you complete the membership, you will have links in your registrations page.
- Abuse prevention has several videos and a quiz at the end.
- The Background Screen link starts with the CDC's concussion prevention program. You'll need to create a login for the CDC page (just follow the prompts and select the areas that you feel align with your position as a youth coach). It's a government website, so it's not pretty, or clean, or exactly easy to use. Sorry! Use your best judgment as you navigate through, and you should get through it just fine.
- Once you've completed the concussion training, you'll prompt through the background screen.
- Your registration page may take a few hours to update and show your completion.
- **Please complete these by May 1.** A laptop or desktop tends to work better than a phone. If you need help, or need a laptop to use, please let me know!

<https://memberships.sportsengine.com/buy/11ef02a5-3175-4382-bf8f-be8bf335bb54>

## **2026 Coaches Agreement**

The *WinStars* fastpitch softball program encourages youth development in a positive, safe, and educational environment. We promote values of personal effort, teamwork, sportsmanship, respect, and fair play. We foster lifelong habits of wellness and help youth reach their full potential by providing opportunities to learn the fundamentals of softball, build character, be part of a team, and have fun. It is therefore essential for *WinStars* coaches to agree to and practice the following minimal standards of conduct.

### **Code of Conduct for Coaches:**

1. I will place a positive experience and the well-being of the athletes above my personal desire to win.
2. I will respect all participants and treat them equally regardless of their ability, cultural background, or other individual differences.
3. I will provide a safe environment at all times.
4. I will organize practices that are both fun and challenging for the athletes.
5. I will teach, model, and expect respectful behavior, fair play, and good sportsmanship.
6. I will know the rules of the sport, teach them to the athletes, and enforce them consistently.
7. I will stay up to date on the best coaching practices of my sport and use them in all that I teach.
8. I will use coaching techniques appropriate for the skills I teach and the age-level of my players.
9. I will insist on a sports environment that is free from alcohol, drugs, and tobacco.
10. I will represent the *WinStars* program in a positive manner by showing respect, control, and professionalism.
11. I will respectfully communicate with all those I interact with (e.g., other coaches, parents, umpires, opponents).
12. I will handle issues and conflicts professionally, swiftly, and calmly to obtain best results.
13. I will refrain from using profanity or making derogatory comments.
14. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for youth and not adults.

## Additional Standards:

### E-Communication

- Coaches are not allowed to communicate one-on-one with individual minor athletes via texting, messaging, or social media.
- Coaches will use the Gamechanger app to make it easier to communicate with the entire team. Administrative access will be given to at least two adults.
- If a minor athlete directly messages a coach, that coach should reply to the athlete while copying their parent/guardian. Expectations and boundaries with regards to communication will then be clarified.

### Guest Player

- Coaches may not add any WinStars player to their roster as a 'Guest Player' without first talking to that player's primary coach and a mutual agreement is made.

### (mis)conduct

- Coaches are responsible for modeling and creating a safe, respectful, positive, and inclusive environment and team culture. There is zero tolerance for physical, emotional, and sexual misconduct; bullying, harassment, hazing, and willful tolerance (having the power and authority to stop misconduct but allowing it to happen)

I am aware that if I fail to conform to the code of conduct and standards, I may be subject to the following in any order or combination:

1. Verbal warning
2. Mandatory meeting with WinStars board member(s)
3. Removal from practices/games/WinStars program