



# Oregon ASA Softball Umpire Program

## Oregon ASA Umpire Code of Ethics

ASA umpires are professional umpires. We get paid to umpire amateur athletes. As individual professionals, we have a responsibility to the players, fans, other umpires, our associations, Oregon ASA and ourselves to meet a high standard of professionalism both on and off the field. All Oregon ASA Umpires are expected to know and follow the Oregon ASA Umpire Code of Ethics. Oregon ASA takes this very seriously. Umpires not following this code may be brought in front of the Oregon ASA Softball Umpire Association Disciplinary Committee and can be subject to disciplinary action. Any questions regarding this code, please contact Rex Hoyt, Oregon ASA Softball Umpire Association President.

1. Honor all contracts regardless of possible inconvenience of financial loss.
2. Study the rules of the game diligently, observe the work of other good umpires 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 to those playing the game and not yourself.
4. Dress and maintain your appearance in a manner befitting the dignity and importance of the game.
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 associations with fellow umpires; do nothing to cause them public embarrassment.
7. Be firm but not overbearing; positive but never rude; dignified but never "cocky". 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 smoke on or in the vicinity of the playing field, nor drink any alcoholic beverages on the day of the game.
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, coach or the ambitions of any individual umpire.