

## **Oxford Softball Association (including OSL) Code of Conduct 2026**

Everyone involved in the sport of softball, on and off the field, including players, umpires, coaches and spectators are expected to demonstrate exemplary behaviour in order to promote the sport and ensure that all participants (children and adults) can play in a safe and secure environment.

- Be a positive role model for softball at all times and accept responsibility for your actions.
- Participate within the competition conditions and rules, and in the spirit of fair play. Display and promote high standards of behaviour.
- Respect opposition players umpires, officials, coaches, spectators and treat them with proper regard for their rights and obligations.
- Respect the decisions of umpires and never publicly criticise them.
- Refrain from abusive language, and gestures.
- Refrain from making sexist or racist jokes, jokes about a particular sexual orientation, or jokes about an athlete, coaches, or other participant's ability.
- Do not tolerate acts of bullying, intimidation aggression, and poor behaviour.
- Protect others involved in the game from verbal or physical abuse and threatening or intimidating behaviour.
- Conduct yourself in a manner that takes all reasonable measures to protect your own safety and the safety of others.
- Never participate when under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Promote the reputation of the sport and take all possible steps to prevent it from being brought into disrepute.
- Accept success and failure, victory and defeat, with dignity.

### **Relevant Policies**

- Abide by the BSUK Safeguarding Policy and Procedures
- Abide by the BSUK Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Policy.
- Abide by the BSUK Anti-doping Policy.