



# softball

## **Program Philosophy & Coach's Philosophy**

### **PROGRAM PHILOSOPHY –**

The main objective and goal is to insure that each and every player has an opportunity to learn and play. The program is also designed to promote team play and create good sportsmanship among the players.

A key aspect of this philosophy is sportsmanship, developing respect and courtesy for fellow teammates and a good attitude toward winning and losing, namely accepting the results. Name calling, and derogatory remarks to fellow teammates and members of the opposite team does not fit this definition.

During the course of the season, the competitive feeling may develop. This is secondary to the main objective. The emphasis is on enjoyment, not competition.

We hope you and your team enjoys their participation in our program and obtain a positive experience from their involvement.

### **COACH'S PHILOSOPHY –**

As a coach, you are a great influence for each and every player. You have the responsibility of instilling in each player not only a sense of willingness and excitement, but also a sense of knowing that not every game will go your way. You may lose a game that you thought you should have won, or you may have one play that you felt was unfair and thus you lost a close game. Please remember that it takes hitting and defense to win a game. There might have been one bad call, but you could have had one more hit that could have won it for you anyway.

CLNYAA tries to provide the best possible umpires. Please keep in mind that umpires are human. No one is perfect and through the course of the season it is expected that a misjudgment will be made either for or against your team. If this should happen, it is your responsibility as a coach to accept this and go on with the game. If the players see that you handle the situation in a mature manner, then they will likewise do the same and thus learn a valuable lesson in good sportsmanship.

This is the most beneficial lesson you could teach. If every team had all good sports, you could imagine what a great season we would have!