

**MINUTES OF THE
NATIONAL FASTPITCH COACHES ASSOCIATION
ETHICS COMMITTEE**

December 12, 2008

Marco Island Marriott Resort

The meeting was brought to order at 12:45 p.m. Those present were:

Brenda Coldren, Indiana State University
Michelle Venturella, University of Illinois, Chicago, chair
Lacy Lee Baker, NFCA

1. General Ethics Discussion. The group felt that recruiting seemed to be a primary area where ethics were in question. It was noted that the “ethical line” seems to be at different locations, depending on who you talk to. It was determined that questions regarding ethics in sportsmanship and early verbals should be generated and sent to the membership for its response, so that the “line” could be located.
2. Sending the Message. Getting rules for proper ethical conduct to the members also was discussed. The following ideas were generated:
 - A. *Fastpitch Delivery* column.
 - B. Larger and more prominent area on the Web site for Ethics, including the NFCA’s Code of Ethics.
 - C. Top Recruit and other ways to provide ethical information to recruits.
 - D. Coach care package, including tips for recruiting and the Code of Ethics.
3. Further Research. The group decided that it would investigate other Web sites to see how other organizations are handling ethics concerns.
4. Next Meeting. The group determined that it would have a conference call in late January for follow-up.
5. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 2 p.m.