

## **Coaches Code of Conduct**



The function of a coach is to educate players through participation in baseball/softball competition. Each player should be treated with the utmost respect, and his or her welfare should be considered in decisions by the coach at all times.

As a manager, coach or other team volunteer I agree to:

- Always be a positive role model for the children in my care;
- Lead by example to teach the players fair play and good sportsmanship;
- Provide an environment for my team that is free of alcohol, drugs and tobacco products;
- Teach the players, parents and spectators on my team to always treat other players, coaches, spectators and officials with respect no matter what;
- Teach my team that trying their best is more important than winning;
- Place the emotional and physical wellbeing of my players ahead of a personal desire to win;
- Do my best to organize fun and challenging practices for my players;
- Use positive reinforcement to further the development of the players;
- Refrain from any type of verbal or emotional abuse;
- Support the league officials and other coaches in building a league that is positive and enjoyable for everyone;
- Respect and support the game umpires. A coach should not indulge in conduct which would incite
  players or spectators against the umpires. Public criticism of league officials, umpires or players is
  unethical.

I understand that this is a game for the children and not the adults.

I understand that in my role with the team, my conduct should be to the highest degree at all times, leading by example, demonstrating good sportsmanship, fair play, and teaching the integrity of the game.

I understand that unsportsmanlike behavior cannot be tolerated and can lead to my suspension from and removal from a game and/or tournament.

I understand that violating the Coaches Code of Conduct may also lead to my suspension as a youth baseball/softball coach.

I have read an	d agree to follow the Coaches Code of Conduct:	
Signature:		
Date:		