

## COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

### THE FOLLOWING IS A COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT ADOPTED BY YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION OF HARRISON COUNTY FOR ALL AGE LEVELS.

- I WILL REMEMBER THAT THE GAME IS FOR THE CHILDREN AND NOT FOR THE ADULTS.
- I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL THE KIDS ON MY TEAM.
- I WILL TREAT ALL KIDS WITH RESPECT AND AVOID NEGATIVE CRITICISM.
- I WILL TEACH ALL KIDS THE SKILLS OF THE GAME, THE VALUES OF TEAMWORK AND THE MEANING OF GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP.
- I WILL LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND ALWAYS DEMONSTRATE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP DURING GAME.
- I WILL SEE THAT "ALL KIDS PLAY" REGARDLESS OF SKILL LEVEL.
- I WILL PROVIDE ONLY ENCOURAGEMENT AND POSITIVE DIRECTION TO PLAYERS DURING GAMES.
- I WILL KNOW THE RULES AND ALWAYS PLAY BY THE RULES.
- I WILL RESPECT THE OFFICIALS AND THEIR AUTHORITY DURING GAMES.
- I WILL COMMUNICATE WITH THE PARENTS ON MY TEAM AND INFORM THEM OF ALL TEAM RULES, PRACTICES AND GAMES.
- I WILL NEVER USE PROFANITY, ABUSIVE LANGUAGE OR THREATENING BEHAVIOR TOWARDS ANY PLAYER, PARENT, COACH OR OFFICIAL.
- I WILL RESPECT ALL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT MADE AVAILABLE FOR MY TEM TO PRACTICE AND PLAY GAMES.
- I WILL REPORT TO YBAHC ANY PERCEIVED MISCONDUCT BY A COACH, PLAYER, PARENT OR OFFICIAL SO IT CAN BE DEALT WITH IN THE APPROPRIATE MANNER.

**RECOGNIZING THE DIFFICULTY OF ESTABLISHING SPECIFIC PENALTIES FOR A VARIETY OF VIOLATIONS OF ACCEPTABLE CONDUCT, THE FOLLOWING PENALTIES ARE SUGGESTED. LEAGUE OFFICIALS MAY IMPOSE THE ONE IN WHICH, IN THEIR OPINION, APPEARS TO MATCH THE SEVERITY OF THE OFFENSE.**

- 1. WARNING – THE OFFENDING PERSON IS TO BE ADVISED, IN WRITING OR VERBALLY, OF THE OFFENSE, AND FURTHER ADVISED THAT REPETITION OF THE OFFENSE SHALL RESULT IN MORE SEVERE PENALTY.**
- 2. SUSPENSION – THE OFFENDING PERSON IS TO BE ADVISED IN WRITING THAT HE OR SHE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FROM ALL LEAGUE ACTIVITY FOR A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF GAMES OR DAYS.**
- 3. DISMISSAL – THE OFFENDING PERSON IS TO BE ADVISED IN WRITING THAT HE OR SHE HAS BEEN DISMISSED FROM THE LEAGUE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENT YEAR.**
- 4. BARRED – THE OFFENDING PERSON IS TO BE ADVISED IN WRITING THAT HE OR SHE HAS BEEN BARRED FROM PRESENT AND FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN THE LEAGUE, PERMANENTLY OR FOR A SPECIFIC NUMBER OF YEARS.**

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