



Coaches Code of Conduct

New Fairfield Baseball is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for kids to play baseball. As a coach it is essential that you represent the league in the best way and strive to help make New Fairfield Baseball a great experience for everyone involved.

Coaches are encouraged to:

- Meet with your players and their parents regularly and maintain an open line of communication. Explain our League's philosophy and objectives.
- Treat all children with respect and give each child an equal opportunity to develop and play. Be consistent, honest and fair. Be generous with praise.
- Always promote the positive aspects of the game and convey good sportsmanship at all times.
- Reinforce the League Rules with your players. No one should evade or break the rules.
- Monitor behavior of parents and spectators in the stands.
- Organize practices that are fun, challenging and stress the League's "Player Skills Development Program". Continuously improve baseball-coaching skills by attending all league clinics.
- Communicate on a regular basis with the League Commissioner.

Coaches are expected to abstain from the following actions at all times:

- Using obscenities, profanity, unsportsmanlike remarks, and gestures. Never tolerate, from your team, negative cheering, trash-talking or disrespect.
- Singling out a player for making a mistake or yelling instruction from the dugout.
- Placing winning above everything else. Children play to have fun and winning is a secondary part of their motivation.
- Arguing with the opposing team's coaches, parents or spectators for any reason.
- Engaging in open disputes, arguments or comments regarding any decision by an umpiring official.
- Placing yourself in a situation where you are alone with a child other than your own.

Coaches need to understand that the following will not be tolerated:

- Physical violence or threat of physical violence.
- Alcohol or tobacco is prohibited at any practice, game, event, and activity and, according to Board of Education Policy, prohibited on School Property, including parking areas.

Any Coach ejected from a New Fairfield Baseball game, event or activity, must leave the area at the time of ejection.

I understand that if I volunteer to coach that I will be subject to a full background check, that coaching assignments are made by the Board of Directors, and that I may have my performance reviewed if deemed appropriate. I have read, understand and agree to abide by the coaches code of conduct. I understand that failure to follow the rules will result in my dismissal from my coaching assignment.

Coach's Name: _____

Coach's Signature: _____

Date: _____