



Dennis Yarmouth Youth Baseball

Coaches Code of Conduct

Children's sports are supposed to be fun - for the *children*. Unfortunately, many parents, fans and coaches don't realize that their actions, whether verbal or nonverbal, can have a lasting emotional effect on children. Too many children are leaving sports activities because the fun is unfairly taken away by adults. Parents, fans and coaches who follow this simple code can help reinforce what sports are all about...**BEING FUN FOR EVERYONE**.

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and **six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship**. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

I, _____ (print name) hereby agree to and will do my best to comply with the Coaches Code of Conduct outlined below:

1. I realize that Dennis Yarmouth Youth Baseball is a recreational league; therefore having fun is a priority.
2. I will coach for the fun of it, not for power, trophies, or fulfillment of a personal agenda.
3. I will teach my players to play fair and to respect the rules, officials, and their opponents.
4. I will remember that children need a coach they can respect.
5. I will not ridicule or berate my players for making mistakes or for performing poorly.
6. I will be generous in my praise and set a good example through my actions.
7. I will be honest, trustworthy and use appropriate language to players, parents, other coaches, and umpires.
8. I will not argue with umpires. Only questions of rule interpretations may be discussed.
9. I will do my best to promote teamwork and emphasize that winning a game is the result of teamwork.
10. I will teach my players that doing ones best is more important than winning.
11. I will always be enthusiastic, positive and optimistic around my players.
12. I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
13. I will provide an environment that motivates athletes to improve.
14. I will always make sure that athletes understand my feedback.
15. I will coach to get the most out of my players and to help all players become the best they can be.
16. I will realize that I am a role model and must lead by example to my players.
17. I will ensure that all players receive equal instruction and support.
18. I will make sure the equipment and facilities are safe at all times.
19. I will show up early and be prepared for games and practices.
20. I will do my best to teach the fundamentals of the game.
21. I will do things that are in the best interest of the team, not for an individual or myself.
22. I will do my best to foster a positive learning environment that is safe.
23. I will not abuse my power in any way.
24. I will settle disagreements with parents or players in a confidential/private manner.
25. I will not worry about whether others view me as a great teacher of the game or less than great. I am giving my time and doing my best. If I am making it a positive, FUN experience for the kids, I have fulfilled my mission.
26. I will make sure all players play and that I develop them equally.

Coaches Signature: _____ Date: _____