



Coaches Code of Conduct Contract

1. I will accept the decisions of the umpires on the field. I understand I can appeal to the umpire that made the call and it is his/her discretion as whether or not to confer with others. I recognize my role in developing umpires and that they will make calls in an effort for a fair game and to the best of their ability.
2. I will emphasize that winning is the result of good “teamwork”. I will not criticize players/umpires in front of spectators, but reserve constructive criticism for later, in private, or in the presence of others if they would also benefit.
3. I will utilize appropriate/professional language and gestures at all times as a coach and demand the same from my players and fans/spectators. As a coach, I recognize my responsibility in dealing with the conduct of my players and that fan reaction will usually be in step with my reaction. I understand I am responsible to deal with anyone who becomes a nuisance or gets out of control, up to and including asking him or her to leave the game premises.
4. I will support opposing teams, coaches, and all umpires with sportsmanship. I will not deliberately incite un-sportsman-like conduct. I will make every effort to let all players play and will encourage balanced games versus encouraging raising an already commanding lead inappropriately (not “run up the score”).
5. I will strive to make every baseball activity a positive training ground for life and a basis for good mental and physical health. I will positively reinforce growth and development and will not yell excessively or belittle the efforts of players or umpires.
6. I will be a positive role model for our athletes and abstain from the possession and drinking of alcoholic beverages and the possession or use of any illegal substance on both the game and practice fields. I will not smoke and will generally discourage the use of tobacco on the field or in the dugout.
7. I will support both mental and physical toughness of participants but will not intentionally embarrass a player or umpire. I will remove from a game or practice any participant when even slightly in doubt about his health, whether or not as a result of an injury, until competent medical advice is available. I recognize it is not my place to recommend or distribute any medication, controlled or over the counter, except as specifically prescribed by a participant’s physician.

I hereby recognize my obligations to uphold this code and all league rules. Should I fail, or be accused of failing, to abide by this code, the AYB Board of Directors will determine if an investigation is appropriate. If so, I will cooperate fully, and support the findings and/or rulings of the AYB Board of Directors.

Signed

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