

OAK FOREST PARK DISTRICT – COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

- Winning is important, but not more important than teaching player sportsmanship and fundamentals. Enjoying the game and having fun are the most important goals.
- Emphasize Teamwork. Every player has a contribution to make. It is the coach's responsibility to form a cohesive unit that plays well together. If there are any personality conflicts, the coach must help players overcome those differences for the sake of the team.
- Impress on your players that they must abide by the rules of the game at all times.
- Develop your player's sense of fair play and sportsmanship. Encourage players to applaud good plays by members of the opposing team by doing so yourself.
- Encourage your team to cheer for their players, not against the other team.
- Refrain from posting any negative commentary, defamatory or harassing remarks or images on any social media. Please remember to be respectful when posting anything on social media.
- Coaches should refrain from profane language or gestures when in the presence of any player before and during practices and games.
- Coaches should refrain from smoking or drinking alcohol or using illegal substances before and during practices and games.
- Be aware of your player's abilities. Do not place players into potentially harmful situations.
- Do not criticize the opposition's coaches or players in front of your team. If you have a problem with a player on an opposing team, address that problem with the manager not the player.
- Know the rules. If a situation arises where you wish to contest the umpire's decision, do so in a calm and respectful manner. Control your temper. Abide by the final decision of the officials. Coaches should refrain from any foul or abusive language towards officials. Coaches are prohibited from striking or using any bodily assault against officials, other coaches, players or spectators.
- Assist officials in keeping your team parents and fans under control. Only one member of each team should be addressing the umpire.

SANCTIONS FOR COACHES

INFRACTION	DIRECTED TOWARDS	CONSEQUENCE
Use of alcohol or other illegal substances	During game, practice or other league or team event where players are present	1 st Occurrence: 1 game suspension 2 nd Occurrence: 2 game suspension 3 rd Occurrence: Suspension for the remainder of the season
Foul or abusive language	A player, coach or spectator. An umpire or official	1 st Occurrence: Ejection from the game and a one game suspension 2 nd Occurrence: Ejection from the game and a 2 game suspension 3 rd Occurrence: Suspension for the remainder of the season
Threatening gesture and/or language	A player, coach, official or spectator	1 st Occurrence: Ejection from the game and a two game suspension 2 nd Occurrence: Ejection from the game and a 4 game suspension 3 rd Occurrence: Suspension for the remainder of the season
Allowing or encouraging foul abusive or threatening language or behavior by players	A player, coach, official or spectator	1 st Occurrence: Ejection from the game and a two game suspension 2 nd Occurrence: Ejection from the game and a 4 game suspension 3 rd Occurrence: Suspension for the remainder of the season
Striking a bodily assault	A player, coach, official or spectator	Ejection from the game and a one year suspension for all Oak Forest Park District youth sport programs
Striking or bodily assault 2 nd offense, any sport	A player, coach, official or spectator	Lifetime suspension from all Oak Forest Park District youth sport programs