

COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

As a coach, you are required to enforce the Parental Code of Conduct, in addition:

- I will remember that sports are for kids to have fun and that the game is for the youth – not adults. Participation in youth sports is a privilege, not a right. I will show respect for all participants at all times.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league. I will teach my team to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I agree there will be no alcohol, tobacco (including vaping), or drugs at any games, practices, or team/league functions. Presence of such substances can result in forfeit of a game and/or suspension.
- I will emphasize good sportsmanship, playing by the rules, and improving skills. I will not verbally or physically abuse my players.
- I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent of either team such as booing, taunting, using profane language or gestures, make insulting comments, verbally threaten, attempt to intimidate, or engage in a physical altercation. Fighting will not be tolerated.
- I will respect the officials during games. Officials will not respond positively if you try to bully or intimidate them. Ask questions if necessary. Seek clarification if it's warranted. Be a role model for your team by never arguing a call or disparaging an official.
- I understand that parents are expected to remain in the stands and away from the dugout or fence during the game. Under no circumstances are parents to approach a coach or umpire immediately following a game.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of my personal desire to win.
- I will praise the players for competing fairly, executing the required skills and trying hard to improve.
- I will emphasize skill development and individual effort over winning, while cultivating age-appropriate expectations for my team.
- I will agree to a meeting with any parent/guardian that has an issue/concern following a 24-hour cooling off period. I will treat the parent/guardian with the same respect that I expect to be treated with during this meeting.

I understand that my responsibilities include setting an example for children and that any breach of those responsibilities will result in the following:

- **Strike One:** Verbal Warning
- **Strike Two:** Immediate ejection (from game and/or facility), including suspension from the following game. If ejected from a second game, suspended for the rest of the season.
- **Strike Three:** Suspension from program/facilities for one year, or lifetime ban depending on severity of situation and possible legal action.