



BJLBA Cal Ripken Division



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Coaches' Code of Ethics Pledge

I hereby Pledge to live up to and follow the Coaches' Code of Ethics Pledge.

- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will remember to treat each player as an individual, remembering the large spread of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- I will do my very best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I promise to review and practice the necessary first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- I will lead, by example, in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will insure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of each sport that I coach, and that I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

Coaches Roles & Responsibilities:

Part of a Child's Life

Coaches must recognize that youth sports are only a part of a child's life. All coaches must remember that when you become a coach you become part of a child's life. You make a very big impression!

Drug Tobacco & Alcohol-Free Environment

Coaches must encourage and be drug, tobacco and alcohol-free at youth league sporting events.

Parent Relations

Confrontational Parents must be dealt with calmly and not in front of players & other parent. Do not be the next "Hockey Dad"

Today's Society

Coaches must be aware of society's view on: Physical and Verbal Abuse, Physical Contact, Pedophilia, Sleepovers, Liability

Positive Role Models

Coaches must be positive role models, exhibiting sportsmanlike behavior at games, practices, and home, while also giving positive reinforcement to the child and support to their child's parents. Coaches are also representatives of the league

Safe Playing Situations

Coaches must insist on safe playing facilities, healthful playing situations, and proper first aid applications, should the need arise. Weather conditions must be considered for excessive cold or heat and NEVER CHANCE LIGHTENING. Always make sure each player has a way home, be the last to leave

Equal Play & Adequate Practice Opportunity

Coaches must provide equal sports play opportunity for all youth regardless of race, creed, sex, economic status or ability. Practice & games are limited to no more than three events in one week. Players are required to play a minimum of two (2) innings or six (6) defensive outs. League philosophy is based on getting all players equal & ample playing i.e. every body bats. Most kids would rather play on a losing team than sit on a winner.

Training

You must be a minimum Level 1 NYSCA Certified Coach.