

NBASA COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

The function of a coach is to ensure a positive baseball/softball experience for all players regardless of ability. Coaches serve as an advisor, mentor, lifeline, or simply as a person to lend an ear and listen. The role that a coach can have on a player's life is significant in youth development. The sports field offers a place to develop both as an athlete and individual, and lessons learned on that field will be carried throughout life. Each player should be treated with the utmost respect, and his or her welfare should be considered in decisions by the coach at all times.

Thank you for your willingness to volunteer as a coach. The following Coaches Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Newport Baseball and Softball Association (NBASA). By signing below, you agree to all terms set forth therein.

CONDUCT AND ETHICS

- I will be a positive role model for the athletes I coach and demonstrate fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will act professionally and take responsibility for my actions.
- I am aware that I have a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the player and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
- I will exert my influence to enhance sportsmanship by my assistant coaches, players, parents and those associated with my team with special emphasis on respecting the rights, dignity and worth of athletes, coaches, other volunteers, friends and spectators.
- I will respect and support contest officials. I will not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials.
- I will ensure my language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation demonstrate high standards of the NBASA.
- I will treat everyone equally regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion or ability.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

I understand that I am responsible for ensuring that the health, well-being and development of athletes take precedence over the win/loss record.

- I will adhere to all pitch rules and in the absence of rules act in the best interest player health and longevity regardless of situation.
- I will provide a physically and emotionally safe environment for practices and competition.
- I will exhibit sound injury and risk management practices and will encourage athletes to seek medical advice when required.

- I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will ensure that all equipment is safe and ready for play.

I understand that there is zero tolerance for any aggressive or inappropriate physical contact with any player, coach, umpire, parent, fan or other person and any breach of this rule is grounds for immediate action, including removal from my position as Coach.

I have read and understand the Coaches Code of Conduct and I will perform my coaching duties following the NBASA Guidelines.

Coach

Date