**Decatur American Dixie Youth Baseball**

**Coaches Code of Conduct**

**By signing this pledge, I accept responsibility as a coach by following the Coaches Code of Conduct:**

* **I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support of all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports events.**
* **I will place the emotional and physical well-being and safety of my team above all other considerations.**
* **I will teach my team the appropriate way to respond to success and adversity.**
* **I will treat players, parents, other coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.**
* **I will ensure an environment that fosters learning, sportsmanship and teamwork at all practices, games and other events.**
* **I will refrain from using profanity at any games, practices or any other events.**
* **I will refrain from using or being under the influence of drugs, tobacco or alcohol while attending games, practices or any other events.**
* **I will practice positive reinforcement at all times with my team, and will reward them for their accomplishments.**
* **I will always speak to game officials with respect at all times, on and off the field.**
* **I will read and understand all rules of DYB American.**
* **I will keep an open line of communication between myself and other coaches, parents and officials.**
* **I will set a level of commitment that I will encourage my team to follow.**
* **I will ALWAYS remember that the game is for YOUTH, not for adults.**
* **I will support Decatur DYB board and abide by all policies and decisions made by them.**
* **By signing this Coaches Code of Conduct, I understand that I must abide by all of the rules given. I also understand that by following the Coaches Code of Conduct that I can help make youth sports a better place for everyone involved.**
* **I agree that by not fulfilling any portion of my Coaching Responsibilities as outlined, I may forfeit my right to coach this year and in future years.**

**Coaches Signature**