

COACHES' CODE OF ETHICS

The following Code of Ethics has been developed in compliance with standards as set forth by the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department and the National Youth Sports Coaches Association (NYSCA).

Our coaches are the “face” of the program to our parents, umpires, our schools and our community at large. Thus, each coach is expected to maintain a high level of integrity and professionalism both on and off the field. A coach’s primary responsibility is to develop good citizens and baseball players, and to instill a passion for the game in our players. Thus, our coach’s performance is not measured by wins and losses, rather in what he/she teaches the players in terms of technique, sportsmanship and fair play.

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of personal desire to win.
- I will treat each player as an individual; remember the large range of emotional and physical development for these age groups.
- I will be responsible in my demands on the player’s time, energy and enthusiasm. I will remember that they have other interests. I will always remember that my players are children, not professional athletes.
- I will always exhibit proper and ethical behavior while interacting with players, coaches, umpires, leagues, officials and parents at all games. I understand that the use of foul or abusive language is strictly prohibited.
- I will promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- I will treat each player, opposing coach, umpire, tournament official, and parent with respect and dignity.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for children and not adults.

With my signature below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and accept the terms of this code, and will do my best to fulfill the terms of this document. I understand that not upholding the terms of this code and agreement can result in removal from my coaching position.

Print Name

Signature

Date