

First and foremost is having fun and instructing the youth the game of baseball while instilling high moral character. If kids have fun the wins will happen on their own. Keep in mind we're a RECREATIONAL LEAGUE not a competitive one.

Coaches Code of Conduct

The coach is aware that he or she has tremendous influence, either good or bad, in the development of the baseball player, and thus, shall never place the value of winning above instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.

The coach must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of the position. All contact with the athletes, umpires, officials, and administrators, *the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.*

“Bench jockeying” will not be allowed. Coaches are to prohibit bench jockeying, which would include personal and malicious remarks, cursing and obscene language towards opponents, umpires or spectators.

The coach shall be thoroughly acquainted with baseball rules and is responsible for their interpretation to team members.

The coach shall not try to seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules. Players should be taught to respect the dignity of the game, umpires and opponents.

Coaches should confine their discussion to the rules and not challenge umpire decisions involving judgment. You will be issued a warning if you try to talk the official into changing a call.

Coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by their athletes and spectators. Before and after contests, rival coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings in order to set the correct tone for the game.

Coaches are responsible for the behavior of their assistant coaches, players and fans. Coaches will be issued a warning to remind assistants, players, and fans to calm down. Failure to calm down will have the offending person as well as the head coach removed from the game. Continued unwanted behaviors will result in future tournament game suspensions.

Contest umpires will be treated with respect and support by the coach. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which will incite players or spectators against the umpires. Public criticism of umpires or players is unethical.

Baseball is a game of fun, designed for enjoyment of youngsters, not to be a hobby for adults coaching them.

Players Code of Conduct

I agree to practice good sportsmanship at all times, to win without boasting, lose without excuse and never quit.

I agree to my coach's authority and will participate and communicate positively with my coach and teammates.

I agree to treat fellow players, opponents, fans and umpires with respect.

I agree to exercise self-control at all times, refraining from foul language and throwing equipment and setting a positive example for others to follow.

I agree to support and encourage my teammates, and to always try my best to try and keep a positive attitude.

Parents Code of Conduct

I agree to cheer, let the coaches coach, let the umpires ump and let the players play. I am aware that no scholarships are being handed out today.

I will not coach from the bleachers-I will not tell any player to “choke up or down” or get a bigger lead off or to steal a base or back up in the outfield or play closer or scream to throw the ball. I acknowledge if a player is listening to me or other fans and not his/her coach, it is considered dangerous for a player to receive mixed directions.

I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game today is for youth. As an adult, my duty is to simply enjoy.

I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game. I will promote good sportsmanship by respecting opposing fans, coaches, participants and umpires.

I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; or using profane language or gestures.

I agree to respect coaching decisions regarding playing time, position and placement and will refrain from coaching any player.

I will not approach players or coaches before, during or immediately after games with anything other than support. All questions/concerns will be addressed the day after the game in an atmosphere conducive to problem solving.

I will obey Ralston and LaVista city laws and refrain from consuming alcohol while at the public park and will only use tobacco and vaping materials in designated areas.

I agree to file, in writing to the League Board of Directors complaints regarding: violation of rules, questionable conduct such as abusive behavior by a player, coach or fan and irreconcilable personality conflicts.

***Please be that coach, parent, or fan that people want to emulate, this game is all about the kids. Make this game about the players!**

For rules:

Go to http://mlb.mlb.com/mlb/downloads/y2016/official_baseball_rules.pdf

<http://web.usssa.com/usssa/usssa-general/2016%20Baseball%20Rule%20Book.pdf>

And www.ralstonbaseball.org