

JEFF WEST BALL ASSOCIATION COACHES' CONDUCT AGREEMENT

JWBA Goals:

- Provide a positive and safe environment for our local youth to participate in summer teeball, baseball, and softball.
- Provide a league where our children can play against other children from communities in our area.
- Offer a recreational league where the needs of the kids come before the needs of the parents.
- Provide a league where every kid that signs up on time, gets a chance to play.

Coaches' Code of Ethics:

- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
- I will do my best to make sure each player gets an equal chance to play during regular season games, as this is a recreational league.
- 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 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 be knowledgeable in the rules of the game, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and the game is for the children and not the adults.
- I will refrain from swearing at my players, or using foul language within a range that they could hear.
- I will do my best to communicate with my players' parents any important information.
- I will set a good example for my players by treating the umpires with respect.
- I will do my best to encourage my team's fans to model good sportsmanship, and show respect towards the umpires, coaches, and fans from both teams.

Coach's Signature: _____

Coaching Tips:

By being a youth coach, you take on many responsibilities: the many hours spent setting up practices, planning and organizing game plans and getting parents to assist. With all these tasks a coach must take on, you take on the roles most importantly of a teacher, parent, and cheerleader.

- **Develop Confidence:** A player who is taught to see some progress at each practice and game will increase self-confidence.
- **Be Organized:** Youth do better in a structured environment. The more details done before practice and games, the more time can be spent instructing.
- **Encouragement:** When a player shows improvement, the coach needs to show enthusiasm. Praise is one of the most important elements of being a coach.
- **See Through Their Eyes:** Empathy is extremely important in a coach. Some players will have little or no experience in playing a particular sport, while others might be able to compete at a higher level and be bored.
- **Sportsmanship:** Coaches are looked up to by their players as a role model. The coach's role is to instruct and show proper sportsmanship. This involves getting along with players from the same team, umpires (youth umpires are also learning), and members of the other teams including parents. Create team spirit. Players should be praised for cheering and supporting each other.
- **Expectations:** Expect only what is reasonable. Don't get frustrated if the kids don't show total dedication and motivation. Remember to laugh! There's life beyond sports.
- **Have Fun:** When everything is said and done, having fun is the most important goal. Kids learn better and remember more if they have fun regardless of wins/losses.