

PHBA COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

Thank you for volunteering to be a coach or manager for PHBA this season. Below is our Coach Code of Conduct. Adherence to this code is a condition for participating as a coach or manager in PHBA.

- My first responsibility is to the health, safety, and development of all players on my team. I will place their physical and emotional well-being ahead of winning.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship and fair play by teaching and personally demonstrating my commitment to these values.
- I will never ridicule or shout at children for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I will do my best to ensure that I, my players, and the fans of my team treat opposing players, coaches, and fans with respect.
- I will respect the umpires' judgment and authority. I will insist that my team's fans and players do the same. I will not participate in any abusive behavior towards the umpires nor will I allow it from my players. I will do my best to keep my team's fans calm and respectful.
- I understand and accept that the umpires are the ultimate and final authority on all in-game rule issues.
- If I have questions or disagreements about a ruling, I will call time out at an appropriate moment and will quietly and respectfully discuss the issue with the umpires. I will not yell across the field at them. I will abide by the final decision they make.
- If I disagree with an umpire's ruling or interpretation of the rules, after the game I will contact my league commissioner and the umpire leadership team to let them know of my issue so that it can be clarified to the coaches and the officiating team before the next game.
- I will assist the umpires in maintaining control of spectators during the game.
- I understand and will adhere to the proper procedure for complaints or requested changes at PHBA, which is to contact my League Commissioner. If I do not receive a satisfactory response, I will contact the Head Commissioner, and then, if needed, the League President. If I am not satisfied with their response I will come to a general board meeting to bring the issue to the PHBA Board of Directors at a General Membership meeting. I will not send mass emails to other coaches nor PHBA families in an attempt to address my issue.
- I will abide by the PHBA social media policy.
- I will submit accurate evaluations of my players as required by PHBA within the time frame my commissioner allots for it.
- I will abide by the rules, policies, and guidelines of PHBA.

Coach/Manager Name

Signature
