

COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

As a coach in the West Texas Youth Baseball League, you must agree and adhere to the following Code of Conduct as well as follow all league rules.

1. As a coach, I agree to work with all kids on my roster and allow them to develop in multiple positions knowing this will help prepare them for high school baseball. Coaches are role models. They lead by example in setting high standards of character, honesty, and integrity. They are honest with players and parents and never mislead them but work hard to build upon their strengths.
2. I will follow the leagues guidelines on picking up kids from other teams and absolutely never try to recruit a player from another team during the season.
3. Coaches must represent WTYB in an upstanding manner. If their actions while coaching at any event are in violation of our coach's code of conduct, they could be suspended from coaching in WTYB. Coaches must notify the league if they are arrested for any reason after they complete their background check.
4. When doing team tryouts, coaches must always communicate with parents and never give false claims or mislead them. I agree to call players and let them know if they made the team or not in a timely manner (10 days or less from tryout).
5. I agree to notify parents within 7 days from the teams last league game if I won't be picking the kid back up for the next season.
6. If a coach is having problems with a player or parent, they must address the situation via email to the league as soon as it takes place. There has to be a good, documented reason to tell a kid they are cut from your team before the season is over. While the league doesn't tell a coach how to run their team, they need to understand that if their actions violate our code of conduct the disciplinary board will get involved.
7. I agree to maintain accurate financial records and make them available to the parents at any time requested. Teams are independent on how they operate their team, and the league doesn't get involved with finances unless a complaint is made. If there is ever a legal problem brought about over team finances, the league will share all information we have knowledge of and cooperate fully with law enforcement including reporting any financial issues that are found. Do yourself a favor and make sure to keep good records and don't put yourself in a position we can't defend. It has happened and there will be consequences. It is always a good idea to have at least 2 non related members of the team in charge of the teams finances. Again, teams are independent and we do not control their finances, fundraising, or what activities a team chooses to do such as tournaments, uniforms, travel, specialized training, equipment, etc., but if there's ever a question we will get involved.
8. I agree to use positive methods to make the experience enjoyable for the players.
9. I will exert self control over my egos and emotions. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of a personal desire to win. I will remember that the game is for the kids and not the adults.

10. I will not harass any umpire for bad calls etc. I understand that umpires are human and will make mistakes. I understand that the league works hard to provide my team with umpires and by yelling at them and constantly showing dissatisfaction they will not stick around. All good umpires were new at some point and struggled. We work directly with the TASO high school chapter giving your child the same umpire they'll have in high school in many cases.
11. I will avoid displays of anger, rage or frustration when in front of the team. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every practice, game, and team event.
12. I will make sure our team is always in good standing with all financial responsibilities.
13. I will not use drugs and never use tobacco products or alcohol while in the role of coach.
14. I will make sure the players treat each other, the coaches, and officials with respect at all times. I will go over the Player & Parent Code of Conduct with my team and make sure it's followed at all times.
15. If ejected from a game I will leave the complex immediately unless I'm the only person there with my child in which case I will leave the area of the field. If there are any more problems, my child will be ejected and both must leave immediately. The ejection will be reviewed and additional suspensions could be added based on the severity of the incident and how the person handled the ejection.