



## Valley Athletic Association Coaches' Code of Conduct

**The coach** shall be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the player and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.

**The coach** shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct in all personal contact with players, umpires and parents.

**The coach** shall strive to instill the value of good sportsmanship in all of his or her players.

**The coach** shall understand and demonstrate positive coaching methods – how to balance discipline and fun, how to be generous with praise and how to correct athletes without being demeaning.

**The coach** will not use alcohol and tobacco products when in contact with players.

**The coach** will know Valley AA rules (e.g. safety related) and will take the lead role in enforcing them.

**The coach** shall manage his or her team in harmony with the philosophy and rules of the Valley Athletic Association.

**The coach** shall master the fundamental rules of the game and shall teach them to his or her team members. The rules of baseball are clear and coaches need to pay reverence to them by never doing anything that would dishonor the game. The coach shall never seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.

**The coach** shall exert his or her influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators.

**The coach** shall respect and support the umpires. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the umpires. Public criticism of officials or players is unethical.

**The coach** should meet and exchange cordial greetings with the opposing coach to set the correct tone for the event before and after the game.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_