



Baseball Coaches' Code of Conduct

The purpose of our coaching is to help boys become men of integrity and Christ-like character who will honor Jesus Christ in all they do, be responsible, lead, and make a difference in the world for Him.

Be mindful never to shame a player, but to correct him in an uplifting way. Affirmation!

Believe in every player.

Protect our players. Be big enough to build up, not tear down. Our kids are getting attacked from many places that we don't often see and of which we are not aware.

Remember our job is to put our players in a position where they can develop to their fullest potential through proper teaching and nurturing. As it relates to baseball, this means we will provide specific instruction to help them fulfill their potential, provide enough playing time to keep them sharp, and give purpose to practice time.

Each player is part of our family, deserves every chance to succeed, and deserves the utmost respect.

Coaches can disagree in meetings, but never in front of our players or anyone else outside our family. Disagreements are saved for private meetings.

Our players are student-athletes and we are teacher-coaches. We hold ourselves accountable as teachers of young men and the lessons they need in order to navigate masculinity and life.

If you do not know, say so and get appropriate information. Don't bluff our kids! They know the difference. No one knows everything there is to know about the game.

Remember that parents are our partners. We strive to work with each family in helping their sons to succeed. "Every boy is a son to his father and mother."

Love your players and the other coaches. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)

No profanity! (This includes unacceptable substitutes.) “Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.” (Ephesians 4:29)

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer. (Psalm 19:4)

Know the difference between shaming and coaching. No screaming, shaming, swearing, or sarcasm.

Don't be afraid to apologize! We all make mistakes. When mistakes are made publically, apologize publically; when mistakes are made personally, apologize personally.

We are nurturing successful people, not just successful athletes.

Teach and model the ROOTS approach to honoring the game: respect for Rules, Opponents, Officials, Teammates, and Self.

Treat opposing coaches and their teams with the honor true competitors deserve.

Respect all umpires and other officials. They are imperfect and trying their best just as we are.

Regardless of our wins and losses, we will be successful if we carry out the above items.

Because I am a role model who has the power, position, and platform to make a positive difference in the lives of my players, I commit to this code of conduct. When failing to live up to our standards I will allow for accountability and take responsibility for my actions.

Signature

Date