



## Coach's Code of Conduct

I will remember that baseball is only a game, and that players and coaches on the other team are not enemies, but opponents who deserve our respect. I will instill this attitude in my players as well.

I will always put the safety of my players, fellow coaches, and spectators first.

I will endeavor to instruct my players to the best of my ability regarding the rules and fundamentals of baseball.

I will instill an attitude of good sportsmanship in my players and insist that they always display it.

I will not tolerate emotional outbursts, profane language and/or gestures, throwing of equipment, denigrating teammates, taunting opponents or their fans, arguing with umpires or coaches, physical violence, or any other unsportsmanlike behavior.

I will be encouraging and supportive of my players on the game and practice fields, appropriately praising good play and patiently instructing them when they make a mistake by explaining what they did wrong, and showing them how to correct their play. I will do so equally with all players while not allowing the perception of favoritism.

I will respect umpires, and accept their decisions, and I will not engage in any dissent directed toward an umpire even if I don't agree with the call.

I will endeavor to be fair regarding the amount of playing time each player receives.

I will continually reinforce with my players that our team is just that – a team – and expect my players and fellow coaches to treat each other with respect, support, enthusiasm, and good sportsmanship; cheering for each other's successes and picking each other up should they make a mistake.

I will discuss any issues concerning an individual player only with that player and, if necessary, with the player's parents, in a civil manner away from the playing field.

I will never insult and/or embarrass a player on my team or an opposing team for making a mental mistake or playing error.

I will maintain my composure and good sportsmanship in all situations – positive and negative – on the field and in the dugout.

I will always interact with players, coaches, umpires, and parents in a civil and dignified manner.

I will never threaten or use physical violence toward any player, coach, umpire, or spectator, regardless of the situation.

I will not act in any manner that is detrimental to the team or the organization.

I will not allow individuals without board approved clearances to interact with players, either on the field or in the dugout.

Repeated demonstrations of behavior that are in direct violation of the Spring Grove Baseball Association's Coach's Code of Conduct will be referred to the Board. The Board has the authority to suspend any coach who does not comply with this Code of Conduct.