



TRI-VALLEY BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

A coach is responsible for the operation and conduct of his/her team. He/she is the teacher of skills and a developer of players; socially, psychologically and physically. The coach is responsible to the TVBA Board of Directors.

These responsibilities include:

A. Responsibility to "The Game"

1. Coaches are role models. As such, they shall always conduct themselves so as to maintain the highest principles for human conduct, examples of integrity, and witnesses for how to show respect for the Game.
2. Coaches are responsible for knowing, understanding, and following all rules of the game as established and directed by the league they are playing in.
3. It is the coach's responsibility to make sure that all players understand the rules and the reasoning for why they have been promulgated, even when the coach disagrees with the rule. Coaches, therefore, are expected to only use legitimate processes through which positive change to those rules might be affected.

B. Responsibility to the Association

1. Coaches are educators. The field serves as a classroom, practices provide skills, and competition allows for the application of instilled disciplines along with the forum in which pursuit of excellence might be measured. This primacy function of the coach must never be disregarded. Behavior that reflects poorly on The Game or the TVBA undermines a coach's ability to function effectively in this essential role.
2. Coaches must ensure that their program is being conducted and promoted properly. While there are definable duties in which coaches hold primacy responsibility, coaches are also responsible for having an awareness of all institutional activities that may affect their program's performance and reputation.
3. Coaches must immediately notify the President of any situation that might violate any league rules or regulations.
4. Enforce common rules regarding care of equipment and facilities which include the following:
 - a. Restrain the players from damaging the fields.
 - b. Return any TVBA equipment and jerseys to the Equipment Managers immediately following the season. Coaches understand and agree that TVBA jerseys and hats will be worn for all league games and tournaments.

c. Do not damage dugouts. Be sure your players leave dug outs in a clean and orderly condition both home and away.

d. Safeguard other facilities and equipment utilized.

C. Responsibility to the Student-Athlete . Be passionate and make baseball fun.

1. Coaches should never place the value of a win above the objective of instilling the highest ideals and character traits in their players.
2. The safety and welfare of the players should always be uppermost in their mind and these values must never be sacrificed for personal prestige or personal gain. The diagnosis and treatment of injuries is a medical problem and coaches should always defer to the proper medical authorities without the slightest interference.
3. Coaches should never teach their players tactics or skills designed to circumvent the intent of the rulebook and the standards of fair play.
4. Players will be held accountable by coaches. Whenever players exhibit unsportsmanlike behavior on their own, it is the responsibility of the coach to address that behavior and end it immediately. Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players on the field, in the dugout, and immediately following a game.
5. Coaches are responsible for knowing and following the league playing rules. Coaches should not knowingly jeopardize the eligibility and participation of any student-athlete due to ignorance of the rules and their application.
6. Respect, encourage and compliment players. Use constructive criticism that focuses on skill improvement only. Praise publicly, correct privately.
7. Develop the baseball skills of every player within his/her personal limits of their physical, mental, and emotional abilities. A great coach holds an incredible impact on all of his/her players.
8. Demonstrate proper control of emotions at all times, because the coach is the model for the player
9. Enforce team rules fairly, without prejudice toward any one player.
10. Maintain team discipline. When a player is disciplined, the coach should fairly inform the player of the reasons for the punishment before leaving the field. Matters of discipline should be discussed privately between the player and the coach. Always have another adult in the room.

D. Behavior Toward Officials . All game officials and personnel shall at all times be treated in a professional and courteous manner.

1. In particular, umps should be treated with respect at all times. It is the particular responsibility of the host coach to ensure for the safety and well-being of these umps in that host facility.
2. Coaches should be sensitive to the impropriety of private meetings with umps before, during, or after the contest, without the presence of a representative of the opposing team.

3. Coaches wishing to express displeasure with an official's conduct must follow the proper procedure for making grievances as established by the leagues.

E. Coaches Rights and Responsibilities . Coaches are responsible for all communication to parents and players for practice time and location, games, tournaments, and ect.

1. The right to exercise reasonable discipline over the team and for the team to respond to that discipline without any verbal or physical abuse.

2. The right to penalize player's shifts or games depending on the severity of the offense.

3. The right to expect team members to be responsive to his/her instructions.

4. The right to expect parental support for punitive actions taken in the wake of poor conduct by players.

5. Expect parents' attendance at games and their assistance provided for the good of the team when requested of them.

Coach's Name: _____

Coach's Signature: _____

Date: _____

TVBA Board Signature: _____