

2007 Upper Saddle River Baseball Coaches' Code of Conduct

The following athletic Code of Conduct is promulgated in accordance with the provisions of P.L. 2002, Chapter 74.

Preamble:

Interscholastic and youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is therefore essential for parents and coaches to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. Moreover, adults involved in youth sports events should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect and self control.

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, or coaching in a youth sports event sponsored by Upper Saddle River Baseball Association and shall conform my behavior to the following Code of Conduct:

1. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
2. I will not encourage my child, any other child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
3. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
4. I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
5. I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
6. I will promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
7. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
8. I will be knowledgeable in the rules, and I will teach these rules to my players.
9. I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
10. I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.
11. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
12. I will not encourage my child, any other child or any other person, to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety or well being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
13. I will not use drugs, tobacco or alcohol while at a youth sports event and will not attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
14. I will not permit my child or any other child, or encourage any other person, to use drugs or alcohol at a youth sports event and will not permit my child, or encourage any other person, to attend, coach, officiate or participate in a youth sports event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
15. I will not engage in the use of profanity.
16. I will not encourage my child, any other child or any other person, to engage in the use of profanity.
17. I will treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.
18. I will encourage my child or any other child to treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or ability.

19. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
20. I will not encourage my child, any other child or any other person, to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
21. I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
22. I will not encourage my child, any other child or any other person, to initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.

I acknowledge that I will not be able to participate as a coach in the recreational or travel baseball programs sponsored by Upper Saddle River Baseball Association ("Association") until a signed copy of this Code of Conduct is returned to the League Director of the league in which I have been selected by the Association to participate as a coach.

I hereby agree that if I fail to conform my conduct to the foregoing while attending or coaching in a youth sports event sponsored by the Association, I will be subject to disciplinary action, including but not limited to the following in any order or combination:

1. Verbal warning issued by the Board of Trustees of the Association.
2. Written warning issued by the Association.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection from a youth sports event issued by a representative of the Association league or event official, who is authorized to issue such suspension or ejection by the Association.
4. Suspension from multiple youth sports events issued by the Association.
5. Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by the Association.

Name of Coach	Signature	Date
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