



COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT



A primary goal of the Babe Ruth/Cal Ripken Baseball program is to provide a positive environment for all of those who play the game of baseball. As a coach of a youth sport, you have tremendous influence to shape the overall experience for your young athletes. It is our expectation that you do so in a positive manner.

Expected behavior from managers/coaches/adults:

1. Absolutely no tobacco, alcohol, or drug use at the tournament complex.
2. Always provide a safe environment for your players.
3. Place the development of the player (mentally and physically) above winning.
4. No profanity at any time.
5. Honor the rules and play the game with the spirit of the rules in mind; don't try to manipulate the rules in your favor.
6. No arguing with opposing coaches, players, or supporters.
7. Treat the umpires with respect and professional courtesy. Arguing with umpires is not acceptable behavior. If you have questions about a call, calmly ask for timeout and discuss the situation quietly so that the fans and players cannot hear you. Keep your emotions in check.
8. Be supportive of your players and your opponents. Congratulate all players for good plays, check on them if they are injured, and promote good sportsmanship at all times.
9. Control your parents, but do so in such a way as to not draw attention to their behavior. Calmly walk over to them and ask them politely to discontinue any inappropriate actions.
10. Promote a positive attitude at all times. Display self-control, respect, and professionalism toward everyone involved in the game.
11. After the game, shake hands with the opposing team and congratulate them on their play. They are not your enemy--they are your play-mates, and you may play on the same team at some point in the future.
12. Ensure that all team members respect the facility by removing all trash from the dugout and spectator areas after each game. Remember, people worked hard to prepare the facility for clean and safe play.

Failure to comply with these guidelines could result in disciplinary action against one or more members of your team (or your entire team) or removal from the tournament trail.