



# DELTA BASEBALL & SOFTBALL LEAGUE



## *Coaches Code of Conduct*

DBSL expects coaches to display and to instill in their players the principals of fair play, good sportsmanship, and respect for the game and league officials. Coaches will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players by providing positive support and instruction for the children they are coaching by following this Code of Conduct.

As a coach, I will:

1. Learn and abide by the rules of the game and the policies of the league; be a positive role model for my players; and provide a safe environment for all players at all times.
2. Provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive, by practicing the philosophies of positive coaching and good sportsmanship at all league events.
3. To the best of my ability, teach my players the fundamentals and rules of the game.
4. Treat all players, parents, coaches, umpires and league officials in a respectful manner; resolve any conflicts without resorting to poor sportsmanship, yelling or hostility.
5. Never ridicule or yell at any players, umpires or other participants for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. Do my best to ensure that that my team's players, coaches, parents and guests show respect for the umpires and the opposing team's players, coaches, parents and guests.
7. Do my best to ensure that no one verbally ridicules or physically touches a player, coach, or umpire in anger - regardless of the circumstances.
8. Not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any umpire, coach, player, parent or spectator such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, using profane language or gestures. Ensure that my players follow those same guidelines.
9. Respect the umpires and their authority during games; not inappropriately question, discuss, or confront umpires during or after a game; address all umpire complaints to the league's umpire coordinator in a timely and respectful manner.
10. Ensure that all of my, and my players', communications with teammates and other members of the league are respectful, whether in person or through digital media (email, text messages or Facebook).
11. Review the league's parent/guardian Code of Conduct with all the parents, guardians and players on my team; obtain their active agreement to follow those pledges.
12. Be prepared to intervene in any sportsmanship issues caused by my team's parents, guardians, players and guests before, during and after games. Unless I am able to resolve it on my own, I will report sportsmanship issues to the league's board of directors.
13. Demand a sports environment for my team that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; and I will refrain from the use of those at all team and league events.

I agree that if I fail to abide by this Coaches Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to verbal warning, written warning, game suspension, game forfeit, season suspension, and league suspension.

Coach Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Division / Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Notes:**

- *The league's disciplinary action process is described on the DBSL website (<http://deltabaseballleague.clubspaces.com/PageCustom.aspx?id=159&o=478264>)*
- *Report violations of the DBSL coaches or parents/guardian code of conduct to your division's league commissioner.*