



Step Up to the Plate Baseball
Proud Affiliate of the Junior Braves
Wallace Park / Lions Park
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Coaches' Code of Conduct

Coaches shall remain unconditionally supportive of Step Up to the Plate's commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority. Likewise, coaches shall remain sensitive to the physical and emotional well-being of the players on his/her team. In order to adhere to these doctrines the coaches agree as follows:

1. Coaches will be positive role models.
2. Coaches will display and instill in their players the principles of good sportsmanship and team play.
3. Coaches will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players.
4. Coaches will do their best to provide the players a positive experience.
5. Coaches will ensure that winning and/or losing teams do so in a manner, which exhibits respect and good sportsmanship.
6. Coaches will treat all players, parents, spectators and league officials with respect.
7. Coaches will provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive.
8. Coaches will not ridicule or demean players, umpires or league officials.
9. Coaches will not tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well-being of a child.
10. Coaches will comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policy and procedure as established or endorsed by Step Up to the Plate Baseball Association.
11. Coaches will teach the game of baseball to the best of their ability.
12. Coaches will be drug and alcohol free while at any Step Up to the Plate Youth Baseball athletic event.
13. Coaches will not use any tobacco products in the dugout or on the playing field

Coaches acknowledge the need to demonstrate fundamental proficiencies with respect to the game of baseball and first aid. Consequently, all coaches agree to attend, any skill sessions that may be required by the Board of Directors and moreover, any first aid courses that may be mandated by the Board.

Win the parents

Communicate, communicate, and communicate

- Send out a welcome email and hold a quick welcome meeting
- Send out weekly updates (include summary of how the team is doing, and upcoming events)
- Be accessible to parents – answer questions, take interest in them and their children

Be organized

- Arrive early to games and practices
 - Have a practice plan for every practice
 - Enlist help – Team moms, assistant coaches, parents can and should help.
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Look the part

All coaches who are on the field must be wearing Association issued jerseys and caps at all times. The Association will provide 3 sets of jerseys and caps. Additional jerseys/caps can be purchased. Coaches may also wear jerseys/caps with their team's logo or the Association's logo. This includes head coach, assistant coaches, and parent helpers.

Aim to be a Double-Goal Coach®, one who teaches children to win on and off the field.

Balance – Be competitive, go for the win, but encourage children to have fun at the same time. Your ultimate goal is to foster the love of the game and provide a positive experience for the children and parents regardless of scores and standings.

Please remember: You represent Step Up to the Plate Baseball Association whenever you step onto the field.

Thank you for Stepping Up to the Plate!