

Code of Ethics for Coaches

- The role of the coach is to develop young athletes in their baseball skills and knowledge of the game. Furthermore, the coach must also guide them in their evolution as responsible young people. Every coach is entrusted with this extraordinary responsibility to teach, support and counsel their players.
- I will uphold the honor and dignity of the game by my exemplary actions of sportsmanship and leadership. I understand that my conduct is representative of the WPYB and as such, it must be beyond reproach. I will take full responsibility for my actions, and the actions of my assistant coaches, my players and their parents.
- I will uphold and abide by the WPYB Constitution, By-laws and the playing rules for my league. I will teach them to my players, assistant coaches and fans.
- I will treat every player with great care and respect. Knowing that a youngster's ego can be delicate, I will strive to always protect their self-confidence and self-esteem.
- I will never place winning above teaching baseball fundamentals and rules, and instilling in my players the higher ideals of sportsmanship and citizenship. I will approach every game as friendly competition.
- I will take the time to learn baseball fundamentals so that I will be a more effective coach in instructing my players.
- I will make my team with the WPYB my coaching priority. I will not coach or manage another team, or participate in any other activity that prevents me from coaching my WPYB game. I will dedicate my time to the development of my players.
- I will hold at least one practice per week excluding pre-game practices. I will be organized, dedicated and patient in teaching my players.
- I will maintain a neat and clean personal appearance that is suitable for portraying the respect I have for the WPYB and the game.
- I will expect my players to do well in school and support a parental decision to withhold their child from playing due to poor grades.

- I will maintain a safe, healthy and enjoyable atmosphere for my team. I will always promote family values and demand that my players respect their parents and other adults.
- I will take the time to patiently communicate my coaching beliefs and decisions. I will also carefully listen to the concerns of players and their parents and consider their point of view in my final decisions.
- I will refrain from gossiping and spreading rumors. If I have any questions or concerns about the organization, I will contact an official of WPYB in order to discuss them in a responsible manner.
- I will respect the calls and decisions of umpires. If I disagree with or question a call, I will call time-out and calmly discuss my point and respect their final decisions.
- I will strive to maintain fairness in every game. I will work to avoid protests. I will certainly keep my competitiveness in check so that I am never ejected from a game. I will tactfully restrain my players and fans.
- I will not smoke or drink alcoholic beverages during a practice or game. I will always counsel my players to refrain from smoking and to refuse the use of drugs and/or alcohol.
- I will actively and enthusiastically advocate all fundraising efforts especially the candy sale. I will keep my team's candy and raffle ticket sales organized, and turn them in on the specified dates. I will encourage parents to support fundraising and to volunteer their time in promotion of other WPYB activities.
- I will protect my equipment and keep it in good repair. I will promptly return it to the Equipment Manager upon request. I will also return all uniforms by the designated August date.