



COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Beech Grove Little League has adopted the following Coaches Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the role of coaches in supporting youth through baseball. Volunteers should read and understand this code prior to agreeing to coach in our league.

Any coach guilty of improper conduct at any game, practice or event will be subject to discipline by the Board of Directors as described in Beech Grove Little League's Operating Policies.

PREAMBLE

The elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of six core principles:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Good Citizenship

Coaches shall remain unconditionally supportive of Beech Grove Little League's commitment to these six principles.

COACHES AGREE TO THESE PRINCIPLES:

- Coaches will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- Coaches will remember the Little League principle that skill building is primary and winning games is secondary.
- Coaches will promote emotional and physical wellbeing of players ahead of any desire they may have to win.
- Coaches will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development within the same age group.

- Coaches will know the rules of the game as well as the local rules endorsed by the Board of Directors, and will know and enforce the policies of the league.
- Coaches will attend any evaluation session and complete any training courses that may be mandated by the Board of Directors.
- Coaches will teach the game of baseball to the best of their ability and will continually work to improve their own understanding of the skills and how to teach them.
- Coaches will provide organized team practices that will provide for the development of both team and individual skills and will make effort to make practices both fun and challenging for the players.
- Coaches will be positive role models and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators.
- Coaches will not engage in unsportsmanlike behavior with any official, coach, player, parent or spectator such as taunting, refusing to shake hands or using profane language.
- Coaches will respect the officials and their authority during games, and will take time to speak with officials calmly and respectfully away from players.
- Coaches will not speak ill of other players, coaches or officials in front of players or parents.
- Coaches will not ridicule or demean players, umpires or league officials.
- Coaches will be responsible for the conduct of their players and the parents during games.
- Coaches will not tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well-being of a child.
- Coaches will be drug and alcohol free while at any Little League athletic event.
- Coaches will not use any tobacco products in the dugout or on the playing field.