



CODE OF ETHICS

The following Code of Ethics has been developed in compliance with standards as set forth by the *GAME 7 BASEBALL* and the *National Alliance of Youth Sports (NAYS)*.

Our Coaches are the "face" of the program to our parents, players, umpires, our schools, and our community at large. Thus, each coach is expected to maintain a high level of integrity and professionalism both on and off the field. A Coach's primary responsibility is to develop good citizens and baseball players, and to instill a passion for the game in the players. Thus, our coach's performance is not measured by wins and losses, rather in what he/she teaches the players in terms of technique, sportsmanship, and fair play.

I hereby Pledge to live up to my responsibilities as a GAME 7 Coach by following this Coaches Code of Ethics:

- 1) Show sportsmanship and respect for the opponent at all times.
 - 2) Show sportsmanship and respect for the game officials at all times.
 - 3) Know, understand, and appreciate the rules of the game of baseball.
 - 4) Exercise and maintain self-control at all times when participating in all GAME 7 baseball games.
 - 5) Place the emotional and physical well-being of participants ahead of the desire to win.
 - 6) Treat all participants as individuals remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for all the age groups.
 - 7) Provide a fun and safe playing environment for all participants.
 - 8) Exhibit proper ethical behavior while interacting with players, coaches, umpires, league officials and parents/guardians at practices and games. Understand that the use of foul or abusive language is strictly prohibited.
 - 9) Know and practice the basic first-aid principles needed to treat injuries.
 - 10) Demonstrate fair play and sportsmanship to all participants, officials, and parents.
 - 11) Provide a sports environment for all teams that is free of drugs, tobacco or alcohol within the confines of the playing field and refrain from their use at all GAME 7 baseball events.
 - 12) Treat each player, opposing coach, umpire, league official, and parent/guardian with the utmost respect and dignity.
 - 13) Remember that we are a youth baseball coach and/or a baseball parent and that the game is for the youth players and not the adults.
 - 14) Enjoy the GAME 7 baseball experience by doing whatever is necessary on being a respectful fan, and especially assisting and supporting all the coaches, umpires and officials involved with GAME 7 baseball.
 - 15) Be reasonable in demands on the players and all participants remembering that the player(s) are not miniature professional baseball players.
 - 16) Importantly, accept victory with humility and defeat with grace. Be neither boastful nor bitter.
- With my signature, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and accept the terms of, and will do my best to fulfill the terms of this document. I will inform my assistant coaches and team parents to do the same. I understand that not upholding the terms of this code and agreement can result in removal from my coaching position.

PRINT NAME

COACH SIGNATURE

DATE