



Norton Youth Baseball Softball

Coaches Code of Conduct

Norton Youth Baseball Softball values participation of all skill levels, and strives to teach character, confidence, teamwork, and courage in a fun environment through quality instruction. Our mission is to provide an opportunity for every player to develop their baseball/softball skills, have respect for their teammates and competitors, and achieve their individual goals. We will strive to teach life lessons along the way.

NYBS values coaches as mentors and role models. It is important to remember that being selected as a coach for NYBS is a privilege, not a right. The goal here is for the expectations of coaches to be understood by all - not just the coaches themselves but by parents and players. As the case with parents and players, coaches are not perfect. But their behavior filters down through the rest of the team, so it is imperative that they hold themselves to the highest of standards.

The main objective here is for the entire team-players, parents and coaches- to be on the same page. We're all in this together! Please note that prior to each season, each volunteer must read and acknowledge the following:

- I will lead by example by modeling the same basic expectations set for players and parents.
- I will represent NYBS with the highest level of integrity and conduct.
- I will be knowledgeable in the rules of each sport/level, and teach those rules to the players.
- I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for all players.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of players ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging to best prepare my players for the situations they will face so that the players are positioned to succeed.
- I will only direct my team to play within the rules of fair play, regardless whether they are enforced
- I will not post anything on social media – direct or implied– that could be implied as negative, critical, or derogatory in reference to any specific NYBS affiliated individual/teams other than his or her own self or children. Positive comments are of course fine.
- I will consciously provide positive reinforcement to help impact the players passion to play and ability to learn.
- I will do my best to evaluate players and assign roles in an unbiased light.
- I will arrive early to practices and games to be sure that I am prepared prior to players arrival
- I will respect decisions made by the umpires and respect the opposing team, coaches, players and fans.
- I understand that winning is important, but the primary objective is promoting an environment of growth and learning
- I will handle winning with class and losing with grace.
- I will be approachable for fair and open discussions with players and parents.
- I will provide a sports environment that is free of bullying, drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.



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I will do my best to follow these rules.

Winning at all costs is not the goal; instead, inspiring each individual player to return the following season to continue to develop, improve and enjoy the game of baseball/softball is the ultimate measure of NYBS success.

I understand that Nonobservance of this Code of Conduct I may be brought before the NYBS board and may result in disciplinary action up to and including my dismissal from coaching, as outlined in the NYBS bylaws.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the NYBS Coaching Code of Conduct set forth by Norton Youth Baseball Softball:

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____