



Code of Conduct for Coaches

Coaching in Linden Little League Baseball/Softball is a privilege and a significant responsibility. We aim to instill in our young athletes the values of trust, sportsmanship, responsibility, respect, fair play, and teamwork – values that will benefit them throughout life. Linden Little League expects all Coaches to adhere to the following Code of Conduct.

I will:

- **Prioritize player development:** Focus on teaching fundamentals, building confidence, and fostering a love for the game.
- **Create a positive and inclusive environment:** Promote teamwork, respect, and good sportsmanship among all players, regardless of skill level.
- **Lead by example:** Demonstrate sportsmanship, respect for umpires and opponents, and a positive attitude at all times.
- **Communicate effectively:** Maintain open and honest communication with players, parents, and fellow coaches.
- **Ensure player safety:** Prioritize the safety and well-being of all players at all times.
- **Uphold the rules of the game:** Adhere to all Little League rules and regulations.
- **Respect umpire decisions:** Accept umpire calls with grace and discourage players from arguing calls.
- **Promote fair play:** Encourage players to play honestly and compete fairly.
- **Celebrate both victories and defeats:** Emphasize the importance of effort, sportsmanship, and learning from both wins and losses.



- **Maintain a professional and ethical demeanor:** Conduct myself in a professional and ethical manner at all times.

I will not:

- **Engage in any form of verbal or physical abuse:** Treat players, parents, umpires, or other coaches with respect at all times.
- **Use profanity or engage in any form of disrespectful language:** Maintain a positive and supportive language at all times.
- **Publicly criticize players or other coaches:** Address any concerns privately and constructively.
- **Favor certain players:** Treat all players fairly and provide equal opportunities for all.
- **Use equipment or coaching methods that could endanger players:** Prioritize player safety in all aspects of coaching.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Linden Little League Code of Conduct and I pledge to uphold its principles.

Coach's Name _____

Coach's Signature _____

Date: _____