



BASEBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION CODE OF ETHICS AND SPORTSMANSHIP FOR PLAYERS, COACHES, SPONSORS,

PARENTS/GUARDIANS HONORING THE FOLLOWING:

The following Code of Ethics has been developed in compliance with the standards as set forth by the City of Portage, Department of Parks & Recreation, BPA 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. Thus, each coach is expected to maintain a high level of integrity and professionalism both on and off the field. A Coaches 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 Portage Parks & Recreation Coach and a BPA Coach, and a NAYS Coach by the following this Coach’s 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 BPA 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. Commit ourselves to make sure we will not tolerate the use of foul or abusive language by our players, parents, friends or fans in attendance.
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 team’s that is free of drugs, tobacco or alcohol within the confines of the playing field and refrain from their use at all BPA Baseball events.
12. Treat each player, opposing coach, umpire, league official and parent/guardian with the upmost 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 BPA 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 the BPA 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.
17. Make sure my players, their parents, friends and our fans follow and understand this Code of Ethics and promises to follow the requirements of this code.

*******COACHES COPY*******