



SOUTH DEARBORN YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL-AURORA



Coaches Code of Conduct

1. *I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.*

Expected behavior:

- Understand that SDYBS- Aurora is a recreational program that emphasizes teamwork, respect, and having fun while making sure the players are learning the correct fundamentals for their age group.
- Treat all players, officials, referees, umpires, staff, coaches, parents, and spectators with dignity and respect.

2. *I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development within each age group.*

Expected behavior:

- Be aware that youth may vary greatly in physical, mental, social, and emotional maturity.
- Understand that some skills, drills, and demands are not appropriate for all levels.

3. *I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.*

Expected behavior:

- Report any safety hazards to SDYBS-Aurora board members.
- Protect players by removing them from play if injured.
- Communicate all player injuries with parent/guardian and SDYBS-Aurora board members.

4. *I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.*

Expected behavior:

- Understand that communication with parents/guardians is important regarding schedules and will do my best to inform parents about any changes to schedules or practices.
- Realize that players may have absences from practices and games due to reasons beyond my control.

5. *I will lead by example by demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.*

Expected behavior:

- Do my best to encourage, teach, and expect good sportsmanship from my players and their parents.
- Play all players equal. This includes playing time and positioning.

6. *I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. I will refrain from their use at all SDYBS-Aurora events.*

Expected behavior:

- Be alcohol, tobacco, and drug free at all SDYBS-Aurora events.

7. *I will be knowledgeable of the rules of each sport that I coach, and I will teach these rules to my players.*

Expected behavior:

- Encourage parents and players to read the rules and answer any questions they may have.
- Teach and require compliance of the rules from my players.

8. *I will remember that I am a youth sports coach representing SDYBS-Aurora. I understand that the game is for children and not adults.*

Expected behavior:

- Maintain a positive and respectful attitude.
- Accept and adhere to all league rules and policies.

Enforcement of Code of Conduct:

Enforcement of the code of conduct will vary based on severity of the issues and complaints. If ejected from a game, the coach must leave the park immediately. An ejection from a game can include an additional one game suspension (or more based on severity of issue). Any coach who is removed from the league due to violation of code of conduct will not be eligible for a refund.

Coaches Signature & Date: _____

