



Santa Fe Babe Ruth Baseball

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SFBR Coach Code of Conduct

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

Expected Behavior:

Using appropriate language in appropriate tones when interacting with players, league officials, game officials, parents, and spectators.

Accept any eligible participant, regardless of race, color, creed, sex, national origin, or physical capability.

Treat all players, league officials, game officials, parents and spectators with dignity and respect.

Play all players according to the participation rules established by the league.

Encourage youth to participate in other sports and activities to promote all aspects of their development.

Allow reasonable absences from practices.

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

Expected Behavior:

Recognize the differences of each child and treat each player as an individual while demonstrating concern for their individual needs and well-being.

Encourage all players, regardless of skill level, to be included as a member of the team and to remain involved in sports.

Recognize that some physical tasks, drills, and demands are not appropriate for all youth.

Recognize that youth may vary greatly in physical, social, and emotional maturation and consider these factors when setting up competitions and when interacting with youth.

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

Expected Behavior:

Maintain a high level of awareness of potentially unsafe conditions.

Protect players from sexual molestation, assault, physical or emotional abuse.

Use appropriate safety equipment necessary to protect all players.

See that the players are provided with adequate adult supervision while under the care of the coach.

Keep basic first aid supplies available in all practice and game situations.

Demonstrate concern for an injured player, notify parents, and league officials with medical authorities.

Protect the players' well-being by removing them from activity when injured and not returning them to activity if they are compromised by injury.

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

Expected Behavior:

Establish practice plans that are interesting, varied, productive, and aimed at improving all players' skills and individual abilities.

Devote appropriate time to the individual improvement of each player.

Conduct practices of reasonable length and intensity appropriate for the age and condition of the players.

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

Expected Behavior:

Adopt the position, teach, and demonstrate that it is our basic moral code to treat others as we would like to be treated.

Abide by and support the rules of the game as well as the spirit of the rules.

Provide an environment conducive to fair and equitable competition.

Use the influential position of youth coach as an opportunity to promote, teach and expect sportsmanship and fair play.

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

Expected Behavior:

Be alcohol, tobacco, and drug free at all team activities and in the presence of players.

Abide by the park's rules regarding tobacco use.

Refrain from providing any type of alcohol, drug, or tobacco products to any of your players.

Encourage parents to refrain from the public use of tobacco products or alcohol at team activities.

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

Expected Behavior:

Become knowledgeable, understanding, and supportive of all applicable game rules, league rules, regulation, and policies.

Teach and require compliance of these rules among players.

I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.

Expected Behavior:

Teach techniques that reduce the risk of injury to both the coach's own players and their opponents.

Discourage illegal contact or intentional dangerous play and administer swift and equitable discipline to players involved in such activity.

I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

Expected Behavior:

Maintain a positive, helpful, and supportive attitude.

Exercise your authority/influence to control the behavior of the fans and spectators.

Exhibit gracious acceptance of defeat or victory.

Accept and adhere to all league rules and policies related to the participation of adults and youth.

Fulfill the expected role of a youth coach to adopt a "children first" philosophy.

Allow and encourage the players to listen, learn and play hard within the rules.

Place an emphasis on fun and participation.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have completely read and fully understand the expectations set by SFBR, as listed above. I also acknowledge that I have been provided with a copy of the Coach Code of Conduct.

Coach's Signature

Coach's Name Printed

Date