

**AURORA BASEBALL LEAGUE
COACH AND/OR ASSISTANT COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT
COACHING CONTRACT**

I understand that my responsibilities as a youth coach or assistant coach are of great importance and that my actions have the potential to significantly influence the young athletes whom I coach. Therefore, I promise to uphold the following rights of young athletes to the best of my ability.

- I. Right To Participate In Sports.
- II. Right To Participate At A Level Commensurate With Each Child's Maturity And Ability.
- III. Right To Have Qualified Adult Leadership.
- IV. Right To Play As A Child And Not As An Adult.
- V. Right Of Children To Share In The Leadership And Decision-Making Of Their Sport Participation.
- VI. Right To Participate In Safe And Healthy Environments.
- VII. Right To Proper Preparation For Participation In Sports.
- VIII. Right To An Equal Opportunity To Strive For Success.
- IX. Right To Be Treated With Dignity.
- X. Right To Have Fun In Sports.

I also promise to conduct myself in accordance with the code of ethics for coaches or assistant coaches as follows:

1. I will treat each player, opposing coach or assistants, official, parent, and administrator with respect and dignity and at all times show good sportsmanship.
2. I will do my best to learn the fundamental skills, teaching, and evaluation techniques, and strategies of my sport.
3. I will become thoroughly familiar with the rules of my league, including the rules of player rotation.
4. I will become familiar with the objectives of the ABL, with which I am affiliated. I will strive to achieve these objectives and communicate them to my players and their parents.
5. I will uphold the authority of officials/umpires who are assigned to the games in which I coach or assistant coach and I will assist them in every way to conduct fair and impartial competitive contests. I will report any issues with the umpires regarding rule knowledge and /or behavior to the Director of Umpires.
6. I will learn the strengths and weaknesses of my players so that I might place them into situations where they have maximum opportunity to achieve success.
7. I will conduct my practices and games so that players have an opportunity to improve their skill level through active participation.
8. I will communicate to my players and their parents the rights and responsibilities of individuals on our team. I will continue to provide communication to all parents regarding practice times, game schedules and rain-outs.
9. I will cooperate with the league director in the enforcement of rules and regulations, and will report any irregularities that violate sound competitive practices to the league director.
10. I will protect the health and safety of my players by insisting that all of the activities under my control are conducted for the psychological and physiological welfare, rather than for the vicarious interests of adults.
11. I will carry a medical first aid kit to all practices and games.
12. I will report any and all accidents requiring medical attention to the league director immediately.
13. I will promptly return all equipment, wiped clean to the equipment manager at the end of the season.

With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this contract, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and will do my best to fulfill the promise made herein.

Signature of Coach or Assistant Coach

Date

Print Name