



Schnecksville Playground Association **COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

Sports are played at many different levels of ability, strengths and weaknesses. The function of all players, Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Volunteers is to abide by the highest level of sportsmanship and conduct. All Head Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Volunteers must be aware that he or she has a tremendous influence, either good or bad, in the development of the youth player.

Therefore he or she must never place the value of winning above instilling the highest desirable ideals of character and should abide by the following:

For all Head Coaches / Assistant Coaches / Volunteers:

- Constantly uphold the honor and dignity of their position and strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct. Establish and model fair play, sportsmanship, and proper conduct.
- Prohibit personal and malicious remarks, cursing and obscene language towards opponents, umpires or spectators.
- Hold in the highest priority, the player's safety and welfare at all times including proper supervision.
- Take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse and under no circumstances should authorize their use. Under no circumstances shall any coach, assistant coach or volunteer use alcohol or tobacco products when in contact with players.
- Shall not make statements that are false, deceptive, misleading or fraudulent concerning SPA.
- The Coaches from both teams along with the assistant coaches shall partake in the shaking of hands following the game, win or lose.
- Coaches should develop and promote a spirit of cooperation among the team/s family to include players, coaches and parents.
- Head coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by their athletes, assistant coaches, volunteers and spectators.
- Use discretion when providing constructive criticism and when reprimanding the player. Maintain consistency in requiring athletes to adhere to established rules and standards of the contest to be played.
- Must acknowledge that umpires/referees shall be treated with the utmost respect and supported by the coaching staff. Coaches should confine their discussions to the rules and not challenge umpire decisions involving judgment.
- Coaches shall not indulge in conduct that will incite players and/or spectators against the umpires/referees. Public criticism of umpires/referees or players is unethical and will not be tolerated.
- The coaches of both teams along with the umpires/referees shall meet prior to the start of each game to go over briefly the rules of the game, (ie. foul lines, strike zone, etc.) and to exchange a friendly greeting in order to set the correct tone for the game.

While there is nothing wrong with the enjoyment of a competitive game, the emphasis should always be placed on our youth and the learning and enjoyment they receive from playing the game.

I, as a Coach, Assistant Coach and/or team volunteer representing the Schnecksville Playground Association (SPA) understand the conduct expected of me during the entire season. I also understand that any misconduct by myself shall result in the review by the Executive Board and possible removal from my position within the League.

Signature

Team Represented

Date

Print your name here