

## BBSA Expectations for Managers/Coaches

Managers and Coaches are ultimately responsible for your own conduct as well as the fan's conduct. Parents and fans will follow your lead. You will be held accountable by BBSA for not only setting a good example as a Manager/Coach, but also ensuring that your other volunteers, fans and the players themselves are as well.

- Ensure that your players' baseball or softball experience is one of fun and enjoyment. Players should never be ridiculed or yelled at for making mistakes or losing a game.
- Be reasonable in your demands on the young player's time, energy, enthusiasm, and performance both in practice and game situations.
- Impress upon your players the need to abide by the rules of the game at all times.
- Develop team respect for the game, teammates, opponents, the opposing coaches, and the judgment of the umpires.
- Enlist the support of your team's parents in your efforts to instill the proper attitudes and values in the players.

Remember that our children learn by watching the actions of the adults in their lives. If you would not want a child doing what you are doing, then you should not be doing it. Good sportsmanship doesn't just happen... it must be constantly taught, encouraged, and demonstrated. If situations arise where tension can escalate, the Manager and Coaches are to seek to deescalate tensions and calm things down.

Always treat umpires and officials with respect, realizing that every umpire seeks to call each game to the best of his or her ability, and their function is to help assure that a fair, safe game is played. You can help by your attitude and behavior.

Good sportsmanship demands self-control. There is no place in the game of baseball or softball for violence or unfair play of any kind. Retaliation for injuries is never acceptable. Throwing, or abuse of equipment, is not allowed at any time.

The use of profanity during any game or practice, by coaches, players, or fans, should not occur. The use of tobacco products (including vapes) should not occur anywhere near fields, common areas, or any other area where teams/players/families may be gathered. Alcohol and/or any illegal substances are prohibited at all times at Bethesda Park as well as all other Gwinnett County Parks and Recreational facilities.

Every adult (18+) volunteer that is on the field, in the dugout during games or practices must have a current, approved, background check on file with BBSA. It is your responsibility as Manager to ensure all adults comply with this requirement, or they cannot be on the field/dugout. Please work with your League Directors to ensure your team volunteers are up to date on this before the season begins.

Managers/Coaches/Other volunteers that behave in an unsportsmanlike way, engage in disrespectful behaviors with other coaches, umpires, players or fans, or are found to have been under the influence of alcohol or any illegal substances while at the park will be referred to BBSA's disciplinary committee and may result in loss of managing/coaching privileges and/or game suspensions.

Coaches Name (printed) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_