

BIGFORK YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

Coach Code of Conduct

As a coach/volunteer for Bigfork Youth Baseball, it is your duty to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience with the game of baseball. Good sportsmanship, teamwork, and learning the rules of the game are all a part of the experience you are presenting to the youth athletes.

- Coach's should be **competent** to teach baseball to young athletes. Coach's should seek ways to further their education of the sport of baseball.
- Play by the Rules of the Game, have fun and encourage your players to **play fairly** and with excellent **sportsmanship**.
- Coach's should show **respect** for their athletes, other coaches and players and the umpire. Coach's should respect Umpire's calls or decisions, rules, and commitments made to the athlete.
- Control your temper. Yelling is an immediate way to alienate your players and your player's parents. Never get angry or show your anger at parents, players, or umpires.
- Coach's should show **caring and fairness** always. Try to encourage fair play providing the same opportunity for all athletes. Coach's should care about the physical and emotional well-being of your players.
- Coach's should try to inspire **trust** and show **integrity** being a **positive Role Model** for your players. This happens on and off the field.
- Coaches will show responsibility for BYBA equipment, teaching appropriate baseball skills and encouraging the development of the player. Coaches are encouraged to be responsible for developing greater skill in coaching baseball.

Coaching is a rare opportunity to help shape a child and encourage certain behavior and actions. Teaching is the ability to take personal experience and help shape and mold future athletes, as a coach you are always being watched and your attitude is infectious within your teams. Please be positive and encouraging to your players.

Failure to abide by the rules, regulations, and Code of Conduct of Bigfork Youth Baseball may result in disciplinary actions being taken against the offender as outlined in the League Handbook.