

SJYBA CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES

As a Coach, Assistant Coach or adult Volunteer, we are entrusted with the care and well-being of the children who are participating in SJYBA programs. Not only are we teaching the skills and fundamentals needed for the games of baseball and softball, we are also developing a sense of fair-play, sportsmanship, respect and confidence in the youth in our community. Keep in mind that SJYBA was formed for the benefit, enjoyment and development of our kids, and that they learn and develop the behaviors and actions we exhibit. As a result, the following Code of Conduct was created for all coaches and volunteers of the SJYBA.

As a coach/volunteer of the SJYBA, I do hereby promise to:

- Follow all rules and regulations of the SJYBA, and follow all SJYBA coaching guidelines
- Treat ALL players, participants, coaches, volunteers and parents/guardians with respect
- Never argue with other coaches, umpires or parents/spectators. If there is a dispute, I will talk with the other party(s) without the players present, and will notify the SJYBA Board if a solution cannot be reached, so the Board can resolve the issue.
- Address any parent complaints/issues to the best of my ability, and report all complaints to the SJYBA Board when they occur.
- Teach, encourage, and exhibit a sense of fair-play and sportsmanship at all times
- Teach the rules, skills and fundamentals of the game (softball and baseball)
- Display only positive and appropriate behavior
- Foster a positive, encouraging and enjoyable environment at all games and practices
- Never use inappropriate or abusive language, inappropriate or abusive behavior, or profanity during/at any SJYBA practice, game or function.
- Never argue with other coaches or parents/spectators.
- Treat the umpires with respect, and not argue calls. I understand it is okay to question or appeal a call, but agree to not argue with or belittle the umpires. I understand that all umpires are high school kids who are not perfect and are still learning the game too.
- Never use alcohol or marihuana (if licensed) before or during any SJYBA practice, game or function, or in the presence of players/participants
- Never use tobacco products (including chewing tobacco) or electronic cigarettes during a SJYBA practice, game or function, or in the presence of any players/participants
- Never use illegal drugs
- Report any inappropriate conduct, actions, behavior, or language by other coaches, adults or volunteers to the SJYBA Board of Directors as soon as possible.
- Keep the health, welfare and safety (physically and mentally) of all players/participants a primary responsibility and concern.
- **Finally and most importantly, MAKE THE GAME FUN!!!!!!**

I understand that as an approved Coach for the SJYBA, I agree to the above Code of Conduct. I also understand that I may be evaluated throughout the season, and any violations of the Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action by the SJYBA Board of Directors, and may include being prohibited from coaching in the future.

Coach Name: _____
(Please Print)

Signature: _____

Date: _____