

## Zimmerman Fastpitch Association Coaches Code of Conduct

(Please sign and return)

- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win, teaching and emphasizing the positive aspects of losing as well as winning.
- I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the broad diversity of emotional and physical development within the same age group.
- I will lead, by example, in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship by showing positive support of all players, coaches, opposing teams, and officials at every game, practice, or other activity.
- I will do my very best to provide a safe and healthy environment and playing situations for my players and I will take positive action to correct unsafe circumstances.
- I will review and practice the necessary first-aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players and I will not hesitate to seek professional emergency medical assistance when necessary.
- I will demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free environment for my players and I agree to assist by refraining from their use at all ZFA sporting events.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports coach and that youth sports activities are for the children and not the adults.
- I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my players and through active participation and development of a sound understanding of the fundamentals of the sport.
- I will refrain from using rude, profane, or abusive language and from the demonstration of actions or gestures that are rude, threatening, abusive, or unsportsmanlike in nature.
- I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules of the sport I am coaching and will teach these rules to my players. I will ensure that I am familiar with the skill requirements of the sport I am coaching and I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each the skills that I teach my players.
- I will abide by all rules and regulations set forth by the Zimmerman Fastpitch Association as it pertains to fields and equipment.
- I will return in good condition all ZFA issued equipment that must be returned at the seasons' end. If the equipment is not returned, I understand that I may be held financially responsible for replacing those items and my ability to coach future ZFA teams may be affected.
- I will maintain an open line of communication with the players and parents. I will explain the goals of our team. I will take time to speak with parents at an agreed upon time and place.
- I understand that the administration of this code is the responsibility of the Zimmerman Fastpitch Association Board of Directors and I agree to this code and its administration as a condition of my volunteer service in the Zimmerman Fastpitch Association.
- I understand that a violation of this code may result in the suspension or termination of my volunteer service in the Zimmerman Fastpitch Association program.
- Failure to sign & return does not exempt me from any of these conditions or being subject to disciplinary action.

Coach Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_