

## **Southampton Baseball Club Managers and Coaches Code of Conduct**

If coaches expect parents and players to abide by the Code of Conduct, they, too, must do the same. Moreover, coaches need to understand that by supporting each other they can eliminate Code of Conduct abuses.

### **I will publicly support all coaches and officials in SBC.**

- I will not petition or otherwise incite other parents, fans, umpires or players against another coach, umpire or anyone else connected with SBC. Coaches have ultimate responsibility for their conduct, the conduct of their assistants, players, and spectators. I will accept the decisions of officials without showing inappropriate emotions.
- I will follow all league rules and conduct myself in accordance of these rules.
- I will review the parental/player Code of Conduct with my players to ensure that they, and I, understand and follow it.
- I understand that I may not question any judgment call. I understand that the team manager is the only person who can question calls and the manager is the only coach who may enter the field of play with permission from the umpire.
- I will neither use alcohol and drugs nor tolerate anyone under these influences during or after any league event particularly while on city property including the ballpark, stands and parking areas.
- I will reinforce to my players the qualities of being part of a team and placing personal objectives second to team objectives.
- Place the emotional and physical well being of your players ahead of any personal desire to win. Want to win and strive to win, but don't "win at all costs". Seek to achieve excellence.
- Share your coaching style, playing-time philosophy, player expectations, team rules and season goals with your players and their parents before the season starts. Be open to player and parent input.
- I will be responsible for my behavior and understand that if I am ejected from any game, I may not return for that event and could be subject to discipline by the SBC board which will render a final decision without further appeal.
- I will not use profanity towards any participant, coach, umpire or league official. I will not throw equipment in anger or be guilty of un-sportsmanship conduct.
- I will do my best to support my local SBC and its fund raisers.
- I will not smoke while in the stands or on the playing field or in any dugout. Smoking will only be permitted in designated areas which will be 50 feet from any spectator stands or dugouts.
- Managers and coaches must:
  - Have all players' medical release forms with you at every practice and game
  - Have a first aid kit with you all practices and games
  - Have access to a telephone in case of emergencies
  - Ensure warm-up procedures have been completed by all players
  - Stress the importance of paying attention, no "horse playing allowed"
  - Instruct the players on proper fundamentals of the game to ensure safe participation
- Each practice should have at least 2 coaches in case of an emergency

