

# Coach's Code of Conduct

***Baseball & Softball embodies the discipline of teamwork, challenges players towards perfection of physical skills, and brings into play the excitement of tactics and strategy.***

The very nature of baseball & softball also teaches that while every player eventually strikes out, or is on a losing team, there is always another chance for success in the next at bat or game.

MBSA expects each manager and coach to adhere to the following:

- Know the MBSA Rulebook and abide by the rules within. Instruct team members in the rules and coach/manage the team in such a way as to motivate each player to compete according to the rules at all times.
- Recognize that the umpire-in-chief is the sole judge on the field of play. The questioning of his or her decisions by managers, coaches, players, or spectators in a disrespectful or abusive manner will NOT be tolerated.
- Ensure that fans of the team conduct themselves with good sportsmanship and maturity at all times while in attendance at games. Assist the officials in maintaining control of spectators during games. Players, managers, and coaches of participating teams shall not mingle with spectators, nor sit in the stands during a game in which they are engaged.
- Show proper respect to the coaches, players, and spectators of the opposing team before, during, and after the game, win or lose.
- Teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and gracious in victory; proud and courteous in defeat.
- Maintain control of his/her emotions and avoid actions, language, and gestures that may be interpreted as hostile and/or humiliating.
- Be responsible in caring for the equipment, and for cleaning up the fields, dugouts, and stands after games and practices.
- Realize, accept, and practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on sportsmanship, courtesy, and respect.
- Coaches are appointed by the league to be responsible for the team's actions on the field and to represent the team in communications with the umpire and opposing team. If a coach leaves the field or is not present at a game, he/she shall designate an assistant coach as a substitute who then will assume all the responsibilities of the head coach.
- Follow all league safety guidelines according to the MBSA Rulebook.
- Adhere to a tobacco-free & alcohol-free environment at all games. All forms of tobacco are prohibited at Barfield Park for managers, coaches, parents, and fans.
- Support the Murfreesboro Baseball & Softball Association in all duties assigned by the MBSA Board of Directors.
- Present yourself in a professional manner and wear a minimum of a team hat and appropriate athletic attire. Save the tank tops and flip flops for the beach!

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to follow the policies and rules outlined above, the Official Regulations and Playing Rules of MBSA, and all rules and policies in the Murfreesboro Baseball Association Local Rules, By-laws, and Constitution.

Coach/Manager: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

League Commissioner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_