

Edson Prospects Baseball Coaches Code of Conduct

As a coach within EPB please read and agree to the following:

- 1. I will treat all players and opposing coaches with respect, being positive and constructive at all times. I will not use abusive language or actions and will control my anger at all times. I will insist that all parents, coaches, players and fans associated with my team, follow my positive example.
- 2. I will treat all umpires with respect, recognizing that they are volunteers or young adults, and that baseball rules involve judgement. If I have complaints, I will use the appropriate methods of appeal during the game and avoid confrontational behaviour on the field. After the game I may choose to go through the proper channels for resolution.
- 3. I will promote sportsmanlike conduct, shaking hands with the opposing coach after each game, encouraging my team members to cheer positively and shake hands with the other team in a sportsmanlike manner after the game. I will not tolerate negative cheering, trash talking, or displays of anger or disrespect by my team.
- 4. I will not tolerate any form of bullying by players, coaches, team officials and parents. I will do my best to intervene should such circumstances arise and report to EPB.
- 5. I will continuously improve my baseball coaching skill by keeping informed about sound principles of coaching, as well as growth and development principles relating to children. I will attend coaching clinics to the best of my ability.
- 6. I will stress to the players and parents the importance of leaving each dugout, each ballpark, each tournament site in better shape than we found them.
- 7. I will monitor the behaviour of my team's parents in the stands and will take action as necessary to ensure proper conduct.
- 8. I will conduct regular practices that will be used to teach sound baseball fundamentals, while being fun for all involved. I will be patient and remember that players improve at different rates. I will remember that players on my team have other interests as well as other obligations.
- 9. I will ensure my players are instructed on safety. I will check the equipment and facilities that we use to ensure they meet safety standards and are appropriate for the age and ability of my players. I will work closely with EPB to ensure the safety of all players and equipment.
- 10. I will remember that the game is for the players. I will stress to my players that they must abide by the rules of the games at all times.

- 11. I will emphasize skill development and player well-being over my team winning.
- 12. I will have fun, coaching within EPB is meant to be a rewarding experience.

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