

# **Coaches Conduct Agreement**

## (Mosquito to Midget)

## Safety

- 1. Coaches' first responsibility is the health and safety of all participants.
- 2. Coaches must follow the NCCP Coaching Ethic's as outlined by Baseball Canada
- 3. Inspect player equipment and field conditions for safety.
- 4. Use proper teaching and instruction of players regarding safe methods of play.
- 5. Implement appropriate training programs to make sure players are physically fit for practice and competitions.
- 6. Supervise and control your players so as to avoid injury situations.
- 7. Be prepared to handle first aid situations as well as medical emergencies at all practices and games, both home and away.
  - 911 emergency procedure/field location
  - location of nearest emergency medical facilities
  - always have emergency medical information and team safety information.
  - Follow up all injuries with parents/guardians

### **Player Development**

- 1. Develop the player's appreciation of the game.
- 2. Keep winning and losing in proper perspective.
- 3. Be sensitive to each player's development needs.
- 4. Educate the players to the technical, tactical, physical and psychological demands for the game for their level.
- 5. Allow players to experience different positions.
- 6. Players need to have fun and receive positive feedback
- 7. Practice should be conducted in the spirit of enjoyment, learning, dedication and hard work.
- 8. Provide the appropriate number of training sessions and games according to the player's stage of development.
- 9. Strive to help each player reach his or her full potential and be prepared to move to the next stage of development.

#### **Ethics**

- 1. Strive to maintain integrity within the sport
- 2. Know and follow all rules and policies
- 3. Work in the spirit of cooperation with officials, administrators, coaches and spectators to provide the participants with the maximum opportunity to develop.
- 4. Be a positive role model.
- 5. Set the standard for sportsmanship with opponents, referees, administrators and spectators.
- 6. Never use disrespectful language or verbally of physically harass or abuse in any way, the players, the other coaches, the umpires, spectators or others.
- 7. Keep the sport in proper perspective with other life events.
- 8. Encourage moral and social responsibility. Ensure all players are properly registered.
- 9. Continue to take training in the sport.

## Making the game more enjoyable

- 1. Know the rules.
- 2. Accept the umpire's decisions.
- 3. Remain calm.
- 4. Do not make loud, offensive remarks.
- 5. Concentrate on coaching, rather than on the accuracy of the umpire's decisions.
- 6. Be a role model of fair play.
- 7. Be positive; avoid confrontation with any official. (Follow appropriate appeal channels)
- 8. Attend coaching clinics or classes to learn the most effective ways to conduct practices.
- 9. Give good guidelines to parents (see Parents Conduct Agreement).
- 10. Set high standards.
- 11. Teach skills and fair tactics
- 12. Discourage unfair gamesmanship

13. Communicate with parents often in meetings and social gatherings. 14. Delegate responsibilities – no one person can do everything.