



Baseball is a game played at numerous levels including professional, collegiate, interscholastic, community, and recreational from the local to international levels of competition. The function of all players, coaches, umpires, officials and workers is to abide by only the highest level of sportsmanship and conduct.

The coach must be aware that he or she has tremendous influence, either good or bad, in the development of the baseball player, and thus, shall never place the value of winning above instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.

The coach must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of the Profession. In **all personal contact** with the athletes, umpires, officials, administrators, state and national organizations, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

The MABL E-Board is doing their best to make sure we have the interest of the kids first and foremost with each and every decision. Therefore, we as a board sign an oath each season stating that we are there for the kids.

Starting this spring we require each Manager and Assistant Coach to sign the following coaching commitment. Baseball is a **game of fun**, designed for enjoyment of **youngsters**, not to be a hobby for adults coaching them. If you are ever at the park and see a coach, assistant coach or even a board member, not upholding the fundamentals of the following, notify us immediately. Contact us at our website at www.millvillebaseball.com, or any board member directly.

As a MABL coach you are required to sign and submit the Coaches Code of Ethics Pledge. Adherence to this Pledge is a requirement for a coaching position. Failure to comply may result in coaching privilege revocation. This copy of the Pledge remains in your coach's file as a record of your agreement to uphold this Pledge. You are also being provided with a copy to serve as your reminder.

If you ever witness any violations, please let a current official board member know of the problem.

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence then, is not an act but a habit". Aristotle



Coaches Code of Ethics

- 1) I hereby pledge to live up to responsibility as a MABL coach by following the MABL Coaches Code of Ethics, Rules of Baseball and Sportsmanship.
- 2) I will place the emotional and physical well being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win and resolve to keep my **ego** in my back pocket when coaching.
- 3) I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- 4) I will do my best to provide a safe playing situation for my players always considering their **health** especially concerning pitching arms.
- 5) I will review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of my players.
- 6) I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players with the **development** of our players as a priority to enable them to reach the next level.
- 7) I will lead by example in demonstrating **fair play and sportsmanship** to all my players. I will remain **positive** in negative situations and always approach our players with a positive attitude.
- 8) I will provide a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all baseball events.
- 9) I will be knowledgeable in the rules of baseball, and I will teach these rules to my players.
- 10) I will treat all **Umpires** with courtesy, respect and support. Coaches will confine their discussion to the rules and not challenge umpire decisions involving judgment. The coach shall not indulge in conduct, which will incite players or spectators against the umpires. Public criticism of umpires or players is unethical.
- 11) I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- 12) Coaches should develop and promote a spirit of cooperation among the baseball family, including sponsors and any person connected with the program.
- 13) I will remember that I am a youth baseball coach, and that the **game is for children** and not adults.

I further understand that:

- I may be required to attend coaching meetings and clinics and will do my best to attend.
- A record of my coaching history will be maintained by the MABL and that this record will be considered when the E-Board selects coaches.
- Failure to uphold this pledge, or generally accepted ethical coaching standards, may cause my coaching privileges to be reviewed by the E-Board. This review may result in lose of my coaching privileges or other administrative actions as deemed appropriate by the MABL E-Board.

Baseball is a game of fun, designed for enjoyment of youngsters, not to be a hobby for adults coaching them. I recognize the responsibility encumbered upon me to model ethical behavior. ***I pledge myself to observe, practice and maintain this code of ethics.***

Print Your Name

Signature

Date

Team Name

Age Level