

NOTRE DAME YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE (“NDYBL”)

COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT PLEDGE

IN MY WORDS AND ACTIONS, I PLEDGE TO:

1. Recognize that I represent NDYBL and set the example for our players, parents and other coaches and as such I shall be held to the highest standards for good sportsmanship and Christian leadership.
2. Teach that striving to win is more important than the victory itself and maintain the perspective that baseball is a game to be played for fun.
3. Reward my players for effort that they have displayed regardless of the final score.
4. Enthusiastically support and practice the philosophies of positive coaching, good sportsmanship, teamwork and full player participation.
5. Treat players, coaches and umpires with respect and ensure that I, my players, fellow coaches and volunteers show respect for our opponents and umpires, and never verbally ridicule or physically touch another player, coach, or umpire in anger regardless of the situation or outcome of the game.
6. Do my best to insure that all my, and my players’, communications with teammates, opposing players and coaches, umpires and other members of the NDYBL community, are respectful--whether in person or through digital or social media (computers, cellphones, Facebook, etc.).
7. Know the rules, and consult those rules before raising rules questions during/after games with other coaches, umpires or the league and emphasize to my players and coaches that they must abide by the rules at all times.
8. Show respect for the calls made by all umpires. When I have valid concerns, I will raise those concerns tactfully between innings or at the end of the game with the umpires in question.
9. Ensure a safe environment for all players on both teams.
10. Be prepared to intervene in any sportsmanship issues caused by the parents or players on my team, before, during or after games. Unless I am able to resolve it on my own, I will promptly report sportsmanship or conduct issues with parents, players or other coaches to the NDYBL Director of House League.
11. Insist on a drug-, alcohol-, and smoke-free sports environment for all children and agree to assist by refraining from their use at or before all NDYBL games, practices and events.
12. Respect and honor any and all decisions, suspensions or other sanctions relating to my conduct or my position as a volunteer for NDYBL made by the NDYBL President, Coaches Committee and Board of Directors.

My signature on this pledge indicates that I have read, understand & support the stated mission of NDYBL, this Code of Conduct Pledge and NDYBL’s decision-making process relating to decisions, suspensions or other sanctions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name & Team: _____