



# East Valley Baseball Coaches Code of Conduct

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Team: \_\_\_\_\_

By reading and signing this code, all Coaches for East Valley Baseball (EVBB) agree to abide by the following rules of conduct as established by EVBB. Accordingly, as a youth baseball coach, I:

1. Agree to abide by the rules/directives of EVBB and or the "Official Rules of Major League Baseball" as outlined and published by Triumph Books;
2. Agree to dress in a clean and proper manner while coaching, because coaches are an example to their players;
3. Agree to hold practices each week, appropriate to the age of players, and be punctual in arriving for practices and games;
4. Agree not to leave practices or games until all players have been picked up by a parent, guardian, or other authorized adults;
5. Will refrain from teaching unsafe or unsportsmanlike methods to the players;
6. Will refrain from teaching demeaning songs, cheers or chants to the players;
7. Will make decisions for the team with the best interest of the players, and/or club in mind;
8. Understand that official decisions by the umpire should be accepted without rancor or anger, no matter how unfair they may seem; I further understand that the use of this behavior, verbal or physical, which is intimidating toward the referee (including vulgar, improper, foul, demeaning, and/or abusive language) is grounds for immediate dismissal as a coach from EVBB.
9. Will teach the players respect for themselves, the opponent, and the referee;
10. Will teach the players sportsmanship and proper on-field conduct;
11. Will provide a fun learning environment for the players;
12. Will teach progressive improvements in technical proficiency and tactical knowledge while promoting self-esteem equally in all players;
13. Will instruct parents in proper behavior at games, including respect for the umpire, the "opposing" parents, and both sets of players; I understand that spectator control is my responsibility, and if the umpires must take measures to control the game, they shouldn't have to take measures to control the spectators, they will take it up with me, as the coach;
14. Will encourage safe, competitive, fair play and will reward improvement and effort, regardless of skill, and regardless of the outcome of any game;
15. Understand that EVBB believes that winning is desirable, but winning at any cost defeats the purpose of the game. *Losing can triumph when the team has given its best effort;*
16. Understand that EVBB emphasizes to all coaches that our teams should be a positive example for all players and parents. We will show respect to everyone, both on and off the field. It is the duty of the coach, and of his/her assistants, as leaders of the team, to teach their team these important values;
17. Will refrain from public criticism of fellow coaches;
18. Will abstain from the use of tobacco products while in the presence of the players and will discourage use of tobacco products by players;
19. Will abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages when supervising players. There shall be NO alcohol on the coach's breath, on playing or practice fields;
20. Will never advocate or condone the use of drugs or any other banned performance enhancing substances;
21. Will at no time become intimately and/or sexually involved with players. This includes request for sexual favors or threat of reprisal for the rejection of such request;
22. Will not engage in verbal or physical behaviors that constitute harassment or abuse;  
*Definition of Harassment;*  
*Harassment takes many forms but can be defined as behavior including comments and/or conduct which is insulting, intimidating, humiliating, hurtful, malicious, degrading or otherwise offensive to an individual or groups of individuals or which creates an uncomfortable environment.*  
Violation of these rules may lead to your dismissal as a coach from East Valley Baseball.
23. Understand that coaching baseball carries a degree of risk in getting injured. Some of these risks include serious injury and even death. I will pay attention to safety during all practices and games.
24. Will teach the players all aspects of safety while playing baseball.

I agree to abide by this Coaches' Code of Conduct, as detailed above, and understand the risks associated with coaching baseball.

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Head Coach (Print Name)

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Asst. Coach (Print Name)

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