

COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

**** Please Read to the end, It has changed from last year ****

I understand that it is my responsibility to adhere to SMP Inc. rules for being eligible to be considered to be a head or assistant coach at SMP Inc. I understand that if I am elected to be a coach that I am to set a positive example for the children while I am on SMP Inc. property.

I will do my best to organize practices that they are fun and challenging for all my players.

I will lead my players by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.

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 youth sporting events.

I will remember that I am a youth sports coach, and that the game is for children and not adults.

I understand that the umpire is the authority on the field and I will teach the children to respect authority. If I have a problem with an umpire, I will approach him/her in an appropriate manner. I will not argue or be disrespectful on the field, in front of the children, If the problem is not resolved, I will contact my league commissioner and he/she will handle the situation.

I understand that my league commissioner has the authority to make rule changes that are different from the rules posted on the website.

I will follow all field policies including maintenance, lights, equipment, and field status (open or closed).

The following section pertains to coaches' behavior and penalties:

1. * A Manager or Coach ejected from a game shall be suspended from their next two games.
2. ** A Manager or Coach ejected from a second game shall be suspended for the remainder of the season and may not coach at SMP in future years without approval of the Board.
3. ** A Manager who continues to argue with the Umpire or refuses to leave the vicinity of the field or continues to argue from outside the field after having been ejected, shall be suspended for the remainder of the season and may not coach at SMP in future years without approval of the Board.
4. ** A Manager or Coach who is ejected for fighting or cursing shall be suspended for the remainder of the season and may not coach at SMP in future years without approval of the Board.

* Requires investigation by the Protest Committee within twenty-four (24) hours and a report to the President within forty-eight (48) hours. The President shall report the findings to the Board at the next board meeting.

** Requires an investigation by the Protest Committee within twenty-four (24) hours and a meeting of the Board, as soon as possible, to review the incident and determine if further action is warranted. The individual receiving the penalty or suspension and any pertinent witnesses should be included in the Meeting. The decision of the Board is final and not subject to appeal.

**** For Head and Assistant Coaches ****

Coaching baseball at Shades Mountain Park ("SMP") is a privilege and SMP has historically been blessed with dedicated volunteer coaches who, along with other volunteers, devote countless hours of time and energy to make the SMP youth baseball experience the best possible for area youth. It is essential to the overall developmental process that potential coaches and league commissioners unconditionally commit to remain with SMP-affiliated teams through the end of any post-season activity. Therefore, as a condition of *being considered* as a coach or league commissioner, you are *committing* to remain with SMP-affiliated teams through the conclusion of post season activity *to the exclusion of other baseball-related activities* (e.g., travel teams with conflicting schedules, etc.). Obviously, your agreement to be committed to SMP does not obligate you or your child to participate in post-season activity. Rather, it is simply a commitment that you will remain with SMP to the exclusion of other baseball activities through the end of the SMP-affiliated post-season. Please carefully consider whether you are able to make this commitment as the Board fully recognizes that the requirement may well exclude qualified persons from coaching and/or acting as league commissioners. If you have questions, email those to the SMP Park Commissioner prior to making the commitment.