**WRBA Coaches Code of Conduct**

Thank you for your willingness to volunteer as a coach this Season. You are the lifeblood of West Raleigh Baseball Association. Accordingly, the following Coaches Code of Conduct has been adopted by the West Raleigh Baseball Association to ensure a common and standard set of expectations for each coach. By signing below you agree to all terms set forth therein and acknowledge that violation of any terms will result in action from the West Raleigh Baseball Association Board of Directors.

The function of a coach is to ensure a positive baseball experience for all players regardless of ability. The role that a coach can have on a player’s life is significant in youth development. Each player, parent, and representative (e.g., umpire) should be treated with the utmost respect.

Thanks,

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Executive Director

West Raleigh Baseball Association

**CONDUCT AND ETHICS**

I will be a positive role model for the athletes I coach and demonstrate fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.

I will act professionally and take responsibility for my actions.

I will exert my influence to enhance sportsmanship by my assistant coaches, players, parents, and those associated with the organization with special emphasis on sportsmanship and respect.

I will respect and support contest officials. I will not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the officials.

I will place the emotional and physical wellbeing of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.

I will ensure my language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation demonstrate high standards of West Raleigh Baseball Association.

I will treat everyone equally regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion or ability.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY**

I understand that I am responsible for ensuring that the health, well-being and development of athletes take precedence over winning.

I will adhere to all pitch count rules and act in the best interest player health and longevity regardless of situation.

I will provide a physically and emotionally safe environment for practices and competition.

I will exhibit sound injury and risk management practices and will encourage athletes to seek medical advice when required.

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 sports events.

I will ensure that all equipment is safe and ready for play.

**COACHING**

I will treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.

I will be fair, considerate and honest with players and families and communicate with athletes using simple, clear language.

I will do my best to organize practices that are engaging and beneficial for each one of my players.

I will use coaching techniques that are appropriate for all of the skills that I teach

I will seek continual improvement through performance evaluation and ongoing coach education.

I will be knowledgeable in the rules of West Raleigh Baseball Association as appropriate and I will teach and explain these rules to my players.

I will not actively recruit players from the West Raleigh Baseball Association with the intent of having them leave the Association to play elsewhere.

**Name:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**