

# Bainbridge Island Little League

## Coach Code of Conduct



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

I hereby pledge to provide a positive attitude and be responsible for my actions by following the Bainbridge Island Little League Coach Code of Conduct:

1. I will engage, teach and provide enjoyment to young players through participation in organized baseball and softball. Each player should be treated fairly, and his or her welfare will be uppermost at all times.
2. I have tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the mental, physical and spiritual growth of the young player and, thus, will never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
3. I will uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with players, officials, Little League volunteers, the media and the public, I will strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.
4. I will take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse and avoid the use of alcohol and tobacco products when in contact with players.
5. I will promote the entire Bainbridge Island Little League program and direct my program in harmony with the total B.I.L.L. program.
6. I will master the rules of Little League baseball/softball and teach them to my team members. I will not seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules. I will organize practices that are enjoyable and challenging for the players. I will familiarize myself with the techniques and strategies of baseball/softball; I will encourage all of my players to be team players.
7. I will exert my influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely with the B.I.L.L. Board, its volunteers and officials.
8. I will respect and support umpires. I will not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the umpires. Public criticism of umpires, Little League officials or players is unethical.
9. Before and after games, I will engage the coaches of the competing team and exchange cordial greetings to set the correct tone for the event.
10. I will maintain an open line of communication with parents and explain the goals and objectives of our association. I will support parents in their efforts to educate their child in the areas of good study habits, respect for others, integrity, and having a deep sense of personal responsibility for their words and actions including putting these objectives ahead of participating in games.
11. I will be generous with my praise when it is deserved; I will be consistent, honest, fair and just; I will not berate players publicly; I will learn to be a more effective communicator and coach.

I the undersigned, have read, understand and agree to abide by the above Code of Conduct. I also agree to accept actions taken for failure to abide by this Code of Conduct.

Coach Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_