



OXFORD BABE RUTH LEAGUE COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT

1.0 THE ROLE OF THE COACH AND SPORTSMANSHIP

A coach within the Oxford Babe Ruth Baseball League must be an individual who is well respected in the community, understands and can teach the game of baseball and can be an organized leader.

The coach is the individual who deals directly with the youth players of Oxford and controls the situation to the degree of how much benefit the participants will receive from the program. Since the coach is the individual having direct contact with the players, they become one of the most important persons in determining the success of our youth and the league.

Players are strongly influenced by their coaches in establishing their own ideals and aspirations. It is important that the coach be a person who can be respected by their players, not only because they might lead them to the league championship, but because they did their job in giving them the proper inspiration needed in becoming better citizens via proper mental and physical development.

Because the role of the coach is so great in determining the success of the league, the coach shall conduct him/herself, both on and off the field, in a manner that reflects the responsibility assumed by becoming a coach. The coach at all times shall try to instill in the youth of Oxford Babe Ruth Baseball the following Sportsmanship Code:

THE SPORTSMANSHIP CODE OF BABE RUTH BASEBALL

Develop a strong, clean, healthy body, mind and soul.

Develop a strong urge for sportsman-like conduct.

Develop courage in defeat, tolerance and modesty in victory.

Develop control over emotions and speech.

Develop spirit of cooperation and team play.

Develop into real, true citizens.

2.0 LEAGUE REQUIREMENTS FOR COACHES – NEW UPDATES FOR 2019

As per the by-laws, coaches are selected by the president.

The **Babe Ruth safety process for 2019** requires that all coaching volunteers **MUST** complete a background check and “Abuse Prevention Training (APT)” course. The two required items can be accessed through the following Babe Ruth link: <https://baberuthsafety.sportngin.com/regsiter/form/277089265>

The site will walk you through the background check and then provide information to access the APT course. Please note that a \$25.50 fee will be incurred. Please contact Oxford Babe Ruth’s league president if you would like to be reimbursed for the fee. (Joe Napomiceno, President: joenap71@comcast.net)

All coaches should also take the opportunity to participate in coach’s clinic, as they become available, to enhance the experience with their respective teams.

3.0 GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT AND RULES

1. Coaches’ assigned teams should participate in pre-season work parties readying the fields for league play.
2. Coaches shall remain at the practice field until all players have been picked up by a parent/legal guardian.
3. Coaches shall be present to make arrangements for a substitute(s) at all scheduled games or practices.
4. Coaches shall abide by all Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth Baseball and Oxford Babe Ruth rules at all times.
5. Coaches shall make the development of each player’s baseball ability and good sportsmanship their primary goal.
6. Coaches shall refrain from negative comments and/or abuse regarding individual players, opposing teams, fans and officials/umpires at all times.
7. Coaches shall not use any tobacco product or be under the influence of drugs or alcohol during any scheduled games or practices.
8. Coaches shall make every effort to further the League’s fundraising efforts by the motivation of their players and parents with guidance from the Board.
9. Coaches shall be responsible for the behavior of their team’s fans. Fans that do not follow good sportsmanship practices can and will be ejected by the umpire from the stands. It is the coach’s responsibility to help the umpire enforce this ejection. Failure to do so will result in an immediate forfeit.

4.0 COACHES’ DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR NON-ADHERENCE

1. Use of Tobacco products during games or practices.

First violation: One game suspension.

Second violation: Suspension for rest of the year (Regular & Post).

2. Use of or under influence of drugs or alcohol during games or practices.
First violation: Suspension for rest of the year (Regular & Post).
 3. Any verbal abuse, threats or actual physical harm towards players, umpires/officials, coaches or fans.
First violation: Suspension for rest of the year (Regular & Post).
 4. Failure to follow the Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth rules and associated specific league rules.
First violation: One game suspension and Board review.
Second violation: Suspension for rest of the year (Regular & Post).
 5. Coaches shall not discipline (bench, laps, playing time, etc.) players due to behavioral problems* or lack of participation* in the program. Contact Player Agent.
First violation: One game suspension and Board review.
Second violation: Suspension for rest of the year (Regular & Post).
- *In the event that these problems persist and after a discussion with parents the situation does not improve, the coach should immediately notify the Division Director in writing/e-mail and request a board review of the situation.

COACHES' CODE OF CONDUCT CONTRACT

By my desire to participate in the Oxford Babe Ruth Baseball League in the position of a Coach, I attest that I have received and read the Coaches' Code of Conduct. I will do my utmost to further the efforts of the League in its mission to provide a sound, fundamental learning experience for all participants. By my signature, I agree to be bound by the requirements and guidelines outlined in the Coaches' Code of Conduct and the decisions made by the governing body of the Oxford Babe Ruth Baseball League.

Coach

Date

Team Name / Division

League President

Date

Division Director

Date