



South Amboy Youth Athletic Association



The function of a coach is to educate players through participation in baseball/softball competition. Each player should be treated with the utmost respect, and his or her welfare should be considered in decisions by the coach at all times. As a manager, coach or other team volunteer I agree to:

- Always be a positive role model for the children in my care;
- Lead by example to teach the players fair play and good sportsmanship;
- Provide an environment for my team that is free of alcohol, drugs and tobacco products;
- Teach the players, parents and spectators on my team to always treat other players, coaches, spectators and officials with respect no matter what;
- Teach my team that trying their best is more important than winning;
- Place the emotional and physical wellbeing of my players ahead of a personal desire to win;
- Do my best to organize fun and challenging practices for my players;
- Use positive reinforcement to further the development of the players;
- Refrain from any type of verbal or emotional abuse;
- Support the league officials and other coaches in building a league that is positive and enjoyable for everyone;
- Respect and support the game umpires.

A coach should not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against the umpires. Public criticism of league officials, umpires or players is unethical.

I understand that this is a game for the children and not the adults.

I understand that in my role with the team, my conduct should be to the highest degree at all times, leading by example, demonstrating good sportsmanship, fair play, and teaching the integrity of the game. I understand that unsportsmanlike behavior cannot be tolerated and can lead to my suspension from and removal from a game.

Prohibition on One-on-One Interactions

1. Two-Deep Rule

- At least two screened adults must be present during:
- Practices

- Games
- Team meetings
- Travel
- **If only one adult is available, the activity must be observable and interruptible.**

2. No Private or Isolated Settings

Coaches may not be alone with a player in:

- Locker rooms
- Restrooms
- Vehicles
- Hotel rooms
- Offices or classrooms
- Dugouts or indoor facilities when isolated

If privacy is required (injury, discipline):

- Interaction must be in public view.
- Another adult must be present or nearby.

3. Transportation Restrictions

- Coaches may not transport a player alone in a vehicle.
- Exception (emergency only):
 - Parent/guardian notification as soon as possible
 - Incident must be documented

4. Electronic Communication

- No private one-on-one messaging with players.
- All communication must:
 - Include parents/guardians **or**
 - Be sent through an organization-approved app with visibility (e.g., SAYAA.net, Crossbar, Spond, Team Snap or Game Changer)
- No direct social media messaging with minors.

6. Reporting & Enforcement

- Any violation or suspected violation must be:
 - Reported immediately to the organization
 - Documented in writing
- Failure to report may result in discipline.
- Confirmed violations may result in:
 - Suspension
 - Removal

- Permanent ban

Social media policy

As a player or coach, you are a representative of the SAYAA organization and your team. We expect that players and coaches will conduct themselves in a respectful manner that will not embarrass themselves, their team or the organization. This applies on and off the field as well as on social media.

Social media is a powerful tool for a player or coach, but it must be used responsibly. Here are our organization social media guidelines.

Players and coaches will not:

- Post sexist, racist, obscene or profane material of any kind.
- Use social media to demean, attack or threaten any person, organization, business, etc.
- Post comments, photos, videos or posters showing underage use of alcohol or tobacco.
- Post anything that violates the law.
- Post materials that reflect negatively on themselves, their teams or other organizations.

Governing-Body Alignment

These standards are consistent with safeguarding policies from:

- U.S. Center for SafeSport
- USA Softball
- Little League International
- USSSA
- Babe Ruth League International

I understand that violating the Coaches Code of Conduct may also lead to my suspension as a youth baseball/softball coach. I have read and agree to follow the Coaches Code of Conduct:

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Signature: _____

Date: _____