



Fairhope Youth Baseball Coaching Agreement

Fairhope Youth Baseball is committed to providing a recreational program that emphasizes sportsmanship, fair play and a family oriented atmosphere. Coaches are considered to be the Leaders in the Fairhope Youth Baseball League, providing positive adult role models and being mentors for the impressionable youth who are participating as players and spectators.

The opportunity to coach in the Fairhope Youth Baseball League should be considered a privilege and along with that privilege are requirements to perform at a higher standard. The ability to coach in Fairhope Youth Baseball is dependent upon the coach's acceptance of the following policies.

These policies are provided so that all coaches, players and families will clearly understand the expected standard of behavior and the consequences that will result if violations occur.

1. Because of the current size and continued growth of the League, as well as the number of coaches in the park each year, all volunteers wishing to be considered to coach a team in the Fairhope Youth Baseball program must submit the requisite information for a background check to be performed. The League has accepted a proposal from Protect Youth Sports to provide this service, an application form is available on the website at www.fybaseball.org, or during registrations.
2. Official coaches participating in Fairhope Youth Baseball are expected to make a commitment to this program as their first baseball priority. Simultaneous participation in other organized baseball programs is allowed provided that those program schedules do not conflict with Fairhope Youth Baseball practices or games. Failure to comply with this policy may result in the coach being removed from the Fairhope Youth Baseball League for the remainder of the season.
3. No foul or abusive language is permitted, including cursing or racial slurs. The penalty for inappropriate language is ejection from the game.
4. No fighting is allowed. The penalty for fighting in the park during or after a game or practice is expulsion from the League for the remainder of the season. Violent behavior will not be tolerated. Examples include willful and deliberate throwing of equipment and threatening gestures or words. The penalty for violent behavior is ejection from the game.
5. No tobacco use (smoke or smokeless) or alcohol consumption is allowed by official coaches at any League practice, game or event held at the park during the season. This includes times when the coach is present at the park when his team is not practicing or playing a game. The penalty for violating this policy will be ejection from the game or suspension from the next scheduled game.

In addition to the minimum penalties applied as a result of a violation to the above policies, the Board of Fairhope Youth Baseball reserves the right to apply other penalties as deemed appropriate to assure compliance with these policies.

Fairhope Youth Baseball Sportsmanship Code

- Develop a strong, clean, healthy body, mind and soul
- Develop a strong urge for sportsman-like conduct
- Develop understanding of the respect for the RULES
- Develop courage in defeat, tolerance and modesty in victory
- Develop control over emotions and speech
- Develop a spirit of cooperation and team play
- Develop into real, true CITIZENS

Coach Signature: _____ Date: _____