

DEARBORN BASEBALL COACHING RULES

- 1) Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. Understand that they are doing their best to help promote the athlete and the sport, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public. Treating them with respect, even if you disagree with their judgment, will only make a positive impression of you, your team, and your community in the eyes of all people at the game.
- 2) Learn the rules of the game thoroughly and discuss them with parents and fans. This will assist both them and you in the achievement of a better understanding and appreciation of the game.
- 3) Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership, adhering to strong ethical and integrity standards.
- 4) Respect the integrity and personality of the individual athlete
- 5) Abide by and teach the rules of the game in letter and in spirit
- 6) Describe and define respectful and disrespectful behavior. Stress that disrespectful behavior, especially taunting, trash talking and intimidation, will not be tolerated.
- 7) Set a good example for players and spectators to follow. Demand the same of your players.
- 8) Display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat
- 9) Instruct participants and spectators in proper sportsmanship responsibilities and demand that they make sportsmanship the No. 1 priority.
- 10) Be no party to the use of profanity or obscene language, or improper actions
- 11) Under no circumstances should balls and strikes be questioned
- 12) The head coach will be held responsible for the conduct of his/her assistant coaches, players and fans.
- 13) Only the head coach will be allowed to discuss a call with an umpire

In other words do the following: Be courteous to all; Know the rules, abide by and respect the official's decisions; Win with character and lose with dignity; Display appreciation for good performances regardless of the team; Exercise self-control and reflect positively upon yourself and your team; and Permit only positive sportsmanlike behavior to reflect on your team.
