

## **Coaches' Code of Conduct**

"When baseball is no longer fun, it's no longer a game." Joe DiMaggio

Toluca Baseball is a league where boys and girls can have fun and learn to play the game. By being part of a Toluca team, players, coaches and parents all agree to strive toward fostering a positive environment for all to enjoy. As such, all Toluca Baseball participants agree to be held accountable to uphold our Codes of Conduct.

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- I will teach my players the rules and fundamentals of baseball as well as the concepts of sportsmanship, baseball etiquette, and fair play.
- I will coach my players through positive reinforcement and refrain from language and behavior that could be interpreted as abusive or inappropriate including verbal or physical intimidation.
- I will not tolerate any behavior on my team that could be interpreted as abusive or inappropriate including verbal or physical intimidation, and I will immediately address any instances of such behavior occurring.
- I will teach my players through example to respect our opponents and umpires.
- I will teach my players how to win with class and lose with grace.
- I will take responsibility for my coaching staff, players and parents to adhere to Toluca Baseball's codes of conduct.
- I will engage my players' parents through regular communications with pertinent information about scheduling and helpful observations about our team's performance and development.
- I will accept the responsibility to respect the league's busy field schedules and be mindful of Toluca Baseball's permits with the City that can seasonally limit access to fields.
- I will strive to learn more about baseball, how to teach it to young people and how to help develop young peoples' character and self-confidence.
- I will give my players opportunities to develop baseball skills at their own paces and give them opportunities to try more challenging positions when possible.
- I will make sure that my team takes care of Toluca's equipment and facilities, including a commitment to leave our dugouts clean for the next team.
- I will respect players' parents' requests to "rest" their children to avoid injuries.
- I will honor the rules of baseball and Toluca Baseball's standards for respecting the game and honoring the spirit of fair play.
- Above all, I will place the players' safety and well being as my top responsibility.

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(All managers and assistant coaches are to sign this page to certify that they have read and understand the spirit of this document).

Division:	Season:	
Commissioner's Name:		Signature:
Name of Team	Manager's Signature	Asst. Coach's Signature