

**SOUTH CENTRAL MICHIGAN YOUTH BASEBALL
COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT
2010 Season**

South Central Michigan Youth Baseball prides itself on providing quality baseball for the youth in our communities. We hope that the experience a young player has playing in this league is rewarding and aids in his development as an athlete. As coaches, the majority of this responsibility resides with you. Your role in a young player's life should be taken very seriously and a good example should always be shown to your team and their families.

By signing below, you are committing to the following guidelines that should provide a framework to conduct yourself in a manner that will exemplify the above.

Sportsmanship should be a coach's primary objective. Sportsmanship should be demonstrated at all times and be considered the most important thing a coach can teach his players.

Players should be treated with respect, both your own players and players on other teams. There will be times when a player will need to be disciplined or have their behavior corrected. This should be done in a constructive manner. Try to criticize in private and praise in public.

Umpires and league officials should be treated with respect at all times. Coaches have the right to question a call made during a game, but this should be done in a collected and reasonable fashion. Instead of yelling displeasure of a call from the bench, a coach should call a time out, or wait for the end of the inning, and ask the umpire for clarification. Once that clarification is given, it should be accepted as final.

Cursing is not permitted during practice or the games. If an umpire hears cursing, they will eject the offender from the game.

Only Head Coaches are being asked to sign this form. It is up to them to make sure that their assistant coaches adhere to these same rules. It is also their responsibility to attempt to keep the behavior of spectators for their team in check.

Coaches will respect the rules and integrity of the game of baseball. Coaches will not teach or tolerate any behavior that violates the rules and gives their team an unfair advantage. If a team violates a rule unknowingly, when discovered the coach should report it to an umpire or a league official immediately.

Smoking is prohibited at or around any baseball field and no alcohol should be consumed before a practice or a game.

When wearing a hat or a shirt with an SCMYB logo, a coach should remember that he is a representative of the league and should conduct himself in a proper manner so as to not bring disrespect to our league.

Violation of any of these rules can result in suspension or expulsion from the league. Any punishment will be decided as swiftly as reasonably possible by as many board members as the Executive President can assemble before the offending coaches next game.

Head coaches will not be allowed to coach in any ball games until this form is turned in.

Coach's Signature: _____ Date: _____