



CODE OF CONDUCT



As a coach in this tournament, I agree to:

- **Responsibility for Team Behavior:** Be responsible for your assistant coaches, players and spectators. Negative comments towards the other team, attempts to distract players, or intimidate the opposing team will not be tolerated. You are also responsible for parents attempting to influence an umpire's call, directly or indirectly.
- **Maintain Integrity in Calls:** Always refrain from directly making the call (e.g., yelling "safe", "out", "strike") or indirectly making the call (e.g., "you'll get that call next time"). Understand that all umpires will be kids who may still be learning.
- **Respect the Strike Zone:** Given the age group, umpires will err on the side of calling a larger strike zone.
- **Handle Disputes Properly and like Adults:** If clarification on a call is needed, call for time and confer with the opposing team's coach first. If unresolved, both coaches can approach the umpire for discussion and clarification.
- **Team Communication:** I will ensure to review these will all players and parents. Remind everyone involved:
 - This is for the kids!
 - There are no professional scouts at this tournament!

Consequences for Violating the Code of Conduct

Failure to abide by the code of conduct may result in disciplinary actions as outlined in the Tournament Rules:

- The first infraction during a game will result in a warning, the second infraction will result in **AUTOMATIC FORFEIT** as outlined in the **CODE OF CONDUCT** signed by each team.
- Warnings will carry over to subsequent games. For clarity, if a team is given a warning in their first game of round robin play, this will carry over to all subsequent games in the tournament.
- The Tournament Coordinator will have sole discretion to remove any team that has forfeited a game due to coaches/players/spectator behavior from the rest of the tournament.

I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to abide by the Code of Conduct as outlined in this document. I understand that violation of the Code of Conduct may result in the consequences outlined above. I also confirm that I have reviewed the Tournament Rules in detail, or will do so in advance of the Tournament.

Team Name: _____**

Coach's Signature: _____ Date: _____