



## **Hinton Minor Baseball Association Coaches Code of Conduct**

As a coach within HMBA please read and agree to the following:

1. I will treat all players and opposing coaches with respect, being positive and constructive at all times. I will not use abusive language or actions and will control my anger at all times. I will insist that all parents, coaches, players and fans associated with my team, follow my positive example.
2. I will treat all umpires with respect, recognizing that they are volunteers or young adults, and that baseball rules involve judgment. If I have complaints, I will use the appropriate methods of appeal during the game and avoid confrontational behavior on the field. After the game I may choose to go through the proper channels for resolution.
3. I will promote sportsmanlike conduct, shaking hands with the opposing coach after each game, encouraging my team members to cheer positively and shake hands with the other team in a sportsmanlike manner after the game. I will not tolerate negative cheering, trash talking, or displays of anger or disrespect by my team.
4. I will not tolerate any form of bullying by players, coaches, team officials and parents. I will do my best to intervene should such circumstances arise and report to HMBA.
5. I will continuously improve my baseball coaching skill by keeping informed about sound principles of coaching, as well as growth and development principles relating to children. I will attend coaching clinics to the best of my ability.
6. I will stress to the players and parents the importance of leaving each dugout, each ballpark, each tournament site, in better shape than we found them.
7. I will monitor the behavior of my team's parents in the stands and will take action as necessary to ensure proper conduct
8. I will conduct regular practices that will be used to teach sound baseball fundamentals, while being fun for all involved. I will be patient and remember that players improve at different rates. I will remember that players on my team have other interests as well as other obligations
9. I will ensure my players are instructed on safety. I will check the equipment and facilities that we use to ensure they meet safety standards and are appropriate for the age and ability of my players. I will have a first aid kit on hand whenever my team is together.
10. I will remember that the game is for the players. I will stress to my players that they must abide by the rules of the game at all times
11. I will emphasize skill development and player well being over my team winning
12. I will have fun, coaching within HMBA is meant to be a rewarding experience