

**Gardner Youth Baseball & Softball League, Inc.**  
**CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS**

**APPENDIX III**  
**Coaches Code of Conduct**

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of children. As managers and coaches in GYBSL you should be models of good sportsmanship and behavior for your child and all children in the community including participants and spectators alike.

The GYBSL Board of Directors ask that you pledge to be responsible for your words and actions while coaching, officiating, and participating in GYBSL events, and that you conform your behavior to the following Code Of Conduct:

- Place the emotional and physical well-being of players ahead of personal desire to win.
- Treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- Do your best to provide a safe playing environment for all players.
- Do your best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all players.
- Lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all players.
- Teach the rules of the game to all players, officials, and parents.
- Remember that you are a youth sports coach and that the game is for children and not adults.
- Do not abuse other coaches, umpires, parents, players or spectators.
- Promote fun, fairness, and sportsmanship over winning.
- Do not engage in the use of profanity or other offensive language.
- Encourage all team members to treat all players, teammates, coaches, officials, and parents with respect.
- Emphasize and foster a team atmosphere and not individual achievements.
- Recognize and understand that baseball is a game of interpretations, and as a result, disputes will occur from time to time. All disputes that are taken up with the umpire will be handled in a civil manner.
- Understand that most of the umpires are “in training,” as are the players. Recognize that all umpires may make mistakes, and as manager/coach, You will give the umpires the respect their position within the game deserves.
- Maintain an open line of communication with players and their parents. Be approachable.
- You will support, through participation and organization of parents, GYBSL in fundraising efforts and concession duty.
- Be responsible for league policies.
- Return all equipment and player evaluations per league policies.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned code of conduct, I will be subjected to disciplinary action levied by the GYBSL Board of Directors that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Manager/coaches suspension for games (*if ejected from a game, a min. 1 game suspension is mandatory*)
- Manager/coaches season suspension
- Manager/coach removal from all league activities

***I understand the Code of Conduct and accept this as a condition of registration. I understand the repercussions for failing to comply and accept this on behalf of myself.***

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_