

Siuslaw Baseball/Softball Association

Coach's Code of Conduct

Qualifications

To serve as a volunteer coach for Siuslaw Baseball/Softball Association, a person must meet the following MINIMUM requirements:

- 1) Be of unquestionable good moral character. The SBSA Board of Directors will screen each volunteer coach assigned to a team.
 - a) ALL coaches must have a copy of their driver's license on file with SBSA.
 - b) Coaches are subject to criminal history checks.
- 2) Each prospective coach must be willing to make a time commitment prior to being assigned a team. Time for:
 - a) Practices
 - i) Rookies, Minors, Majors and Softball no longer than 2 hrs.
 - ii) T-Ball no longer than 1 hr.
 - b) Functions - NO MORE THAN 3 PER WEEK
 - i) Double-headers count as one function.
 - ii) 2 practices & 1 game OR 1 practice & 2 games
- 3) A coach must be at least 18 years of age, UNLESS waived by the Board of Directors.

Sportsmanship, Ethics, and Responsibilities

In an effort to assure the objectives and mission of Siuslaw Baseball/Softball Association are met, the highest standards of ethics and sportsmanship must be maintained at all times. EVERYONE participating (adults and children) must conduct himself or herself in a manner appropriate to the league.

- 1) Coaches and players should COMPLY with the meaning and the spirit of the playing rules. Purposely ignoring or willfully violating rules is intolerable. Those who break the rules not only degrade themselves, but the game, their team, school, and the community.
- 2) SBA expects our coaches to abide by all official rules and regulation adopted by and provided by the association and to participate fully with their team in all league events.

- 3) Coaches should MOTIVATE players so they will control themselves at ALL times, thereby preventing any unsportsmanlike act toward opponents, officials, or spectators.
 - a. SBSA requires coaches to maintain complete control of team members. Horseplay, running around, obscene language, and abusive use of property and/or equipment will NOT be tolerated.
- 4) Coaches should refrain from heckling game officials and from challenging judgment decisions of the umpires. DISCUSSING an occasional rule interpretation is permissible, IF it is done with dignity and sincerity.
 - a. SBSA requires coaches to RESPECT the field umpire(s) and understand they are the final authority on the field
 - i. Coaches will not question a judgment call (balls, strikes, safe, out, etc.)
 - ii. Coaches may question or clarify a rule call. All such conversations will be kept FRIENDLY and SHORT.
 - iii. Players will NOT question ANY call by the umpire.
- 5) Coaches with ETHICAL APPROACH will not tolerate actions by players, which are physically dangerous to opponents, such as pitchers purposely throwing at a batter or base runner OR deliberately trying to injure an opponent during a double play.
 - a. SBSA expects coaches to uphold disciplinary steps as written in SBSA rules:
 - i. Throwing of helmets or bats.
 - ii. Use of foul language or abusive comments to or about anyone.
 - iii. Arguing with the umpire or coach.
- 6) Coaches, players, and umpires should COOPERATE in eliminating game delays and stalling tactics.
- 7) Coaches are expected to direct their remarks to their team members and not to use their position in an attempt to upset opposing players.
 - a. SBSA requires that coaches NOT exhibit negative emotional stress during the game.
 - b. Responses should be POSITIVE and SUPPORTIVE of children in the program.
- 8) Coaches are expected to place SAFETY of players at the top of the list. Due to the nature of the game and age of players, accidents will happen, but fewer will happen if SAFETY is placed as top priority.
 - a. Safety is everyone's responsibility. Board Members and other officials WILL insist safety is practiced and will report ALL violations and/or enforce taking proper actions at the time of the violation (warning for bat throwing, etc.)

What the Association Expects of You as a SBSA Coach

- 2) SBSA expects coaches to refrain from using tobacco products, alcohol or controlled substances, and vaping while at any SBSA sponsored function.
- 3) SBSA expects coaches to refrain from any personal action or attitude, which may insight players or spectators and cause unsportsmanlike conduct.
- 4) SBSA expects the coach to be present at all sessions or games to carry out the responsibilities of a SBSA coach. In case of an emergency, the coach must be replaced by an assistant coach who is 18 years of age, who will take on the responsibilities listed below:
 - a. Attend organizational meetings and clinics.
 - b. Arrange practice schedule.
 - c. Attend draft if required.
 - d. Attend assessments.
 - e. Obtain equipment and uniforms from equipment manager.
 - i. Take care of equipment as if it was your own personal property. It is expensive to replace.
 - f. Inform team of picture day and encourage involvement.
 - g. Report any BROKEN OR DAMAGED equipment to the equipment manager IMMEDIATELY and request replacement
 - i. There is extra equipment available for use or replacement. Contact any board member.
 - h. Scores need to be reported to the concession stand or publicity manager directly after the game.
 - i. Appoint a team mom/dad.
 - j. Return ALL team equipment in a timely manner after the season ends.

Reasons for Dismissal or Disciplinary Actions by SBSA Board

YOUR conduct should be that of a ROLE MODEL on and off the field. Reasons for dismissal are listed below, BUT are not limited to:

- 1) SWEARING at players, umpires, spectators, or any other individual at ANY time throughout the duration of the season.
- 2) PHYSICAL ABUSE of a player, umpire, or spectator, or any other individual.
- 3) VERBAL ABUSE of a player, umpire, or spectator, or any other individual.

- 4) SAFETY VIOLATIONS that intentionally place a child in harms way.
- 5) Placing the DESIRE TO WIN over the physical and emotional well-being of a child.
- 6) Consumption of ALCOHOL or other controlled substances before or during practices or games.
- 7) Displaying attitudes or actions which is contrary to SBSA rules, regulations, and philosophy

ALL complaints must be filed with the SBSA board. Two board members will investigate ALL complaints. The results will be brought to the board and the board will vote on the proper course of action for the coach in question.

If ANY coach becomes engaged in PHYSICAL ALTERCATIONS during a SBSA function, the President of the league will automatically suspend the coach until such time that the coach receives affirmative action from the Board of Directors, which the coach can request at any time.