



## **Code of Conduct for ELM Coaches**

All coaches should do their part to ensure a safe and educational environment for our players at all practices and games. This includes the following:

- 1) Be positive and show an appreciation for the game.
- 2) Teach good sportsmanship and lead by example.
- 3) Encourage the players at every opportunity.
- 4) Cultivate a desire to win and to improve, doing your best to impart as much baseball or softball knowledge as possible to each player.
- 5) Exercise your leadership role to the best of your ability, but remember that the ball game is ultimately for and about the players, not the coaches.
- 6) Do not use illegal drugs, drink alcoholic beverages, smoke, or use chewing tobacco while performing coaching duties or while representing ELM Ball Association.
- 7) Wear appropriate practice and game attire that does not contain offensive language or pictures.
- 8) Do not use profanity or offensive gestures while performing coaching duties or while representing ELM Ball Association.
- 9) Do not be disrespectful or inappropriate with any child, parent, fan, umpire, or fellow coach.
- 10) Instill in your players a respect for the authority of adult leaders in the league. Show by example that you respect the judgment and the position of authority of the umpire. If a coach believes an umpire's call to be incorrect or in conflict with the rules, the Head Coach should call time and discuss with the umpire who made the call in a civil manner. Remember, your team is watching and learning by your actions.
- 11) Do your best to keep your fellow coaches, your team, their parents, and your team's fans under control and respectful at all times.
- 12) Support your team and ELM Ball Association when interacting with parents and community members. Don't encourage or participate in negativity and gossip. Any concerns should be addressed to the board.
- 13) If you fail to abide by any of these coaching guidelines, you may be removed from the program.

Remember that your players are here to learn and to have fun, so don't do anything that would jeopardize the game for them.