

CVHAA PATRIOTS BASEBALL

Coaches' Code of Conduct (2023-24)

The purpose of our coaching is to help boys become men of integrity and Christ-like character who will honor Jesus Christ in all they do, be responsible, lead, and make a difference in the world for Him.

- Be mindful never to shame a player, but to correct him in an uplifting way. Affirmation!
- Believe in every player.
- Protect our players. Be big enough to build up, not tear down. Our kids get attacked from many places that we don't see, and we are not aware of.
- Remember our job is to put our players in a position where they can develop to their fullest potential through proper teaching and nurturing. As it relates to baseball, this means we will provide specific instruction to help them fulfill their potential, provide enough playing time to keep them sharp, and give purpose to practice time.
- Each player is part of our family, deserves every chance to succeed, and deserves the utmost respect.
- Coaches can disagree in meetings, but never in front of our players or anyone else outside our family. Disagreements are saved for private meetings.
- Our players are student-athletes and we are teacher-coaches. We hold ourselves accountable as teachers of young men and the lessons they need in order to navigate masculinity and life.
- If you do not know, say so and get appropriate information. Don't bluff our kids! They know the difference. No one knows everything there is to know about the game.
- Remember that parents are our partners. We strive to work with each family in helping their sons to succeed. "Every boy is a son to his father and mother".
- Love your players and the other coaches. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)
- No profanity! (This includes unacceptable substitutes.) "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear." (Ephesians 4:29)
- Don't be afraid to apologize! We all make mistakes. When they are made publicly, apologize publicly; when made personally, apologize personally.
- We are nurturing successful people, not just successful athletes.
- Teach and model the "ROOTS" approach to honoring the game: Respect for Rules, Opponents, Officials, Teammates, and Self.
- Respect all coaches, umpires and other officials.

Regardless of our wins and losses, we will be successful if we carry out the above items.

Because I am a role model who has the power, position, and platform to make a positive difference in the lives of my players, I commit to this code of conduct. When failing to live up to our standards I will allow for accountability and take responsibility for my actions.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Substance Policy: The use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or illegal drugs by student participants, coaches, and underage fans is prohibited at any CVHAA sponsored event, including practices, games, and social activities. No coach shall use any of the above while transporting players to or from CVHAA sponsored events.