



NASELLE SPORTS CLUB (NSC)

Coach Code of Conduct & Expectations: Baseball – Softball – T-Ball

Naselle Sports Club (NSC) recognizes coaching as a volunteer position and the experience and ability of coaches vary. It's the primary focus of NSC to foster an environment for our athletes that promotes life skills outside of sport, in addition to building sport specific skills and appreciation for the game. To accomplish this goal, it's imperative our coaches conduct themselves in a manner that follows this vision and provide positive role models for our youth. Please review and sign the following expectations, so coaches can maintain the overall goals of NSC.

****Review and initial next to each point****

- _____ Commit to teaching age-appropriate fundamentals over advanced "win-now" tactics.
- _____ Ensure all players receive reasonable playing time during regular rec season and the opportunity to develop at different positions during the regular rec season.
- _____ Focus on "constructive correction." Coaches are expected to build confidence, not diminish it.
- _____ Maintain a professional line of communication with parents regarding schedules and player progress. Avoid discussing playing time or strategy during or immediately after a game.
- _____ Contact Liaison regarding issues with parents as soon as possible.
- _____ Use only approved club platforms for communicating with minors and their families.
- _____ Treat umpires with respect. Zero tolerance for arguing judgment calls or aggressive behavior toward officials.
- _____ Model sportsmanship by respecting opposing coaches and players. No disparaging the other team.
- _____ You are responsible for the behavior of your dugout and, to a reasonable extent, the behavior of your team's parents.
- _____ Strictly adhere to "Rule of Two" (never being alone with a single child) and all SafeSport-style guidelines.
- _____ Regularly check bats, helmets, and catchers' gear for safety compliance. Report issues to Liaison.
- _____ Check that game bats follow League rules for size and USA bat stamp if pertinent to your division.
- _____ Monitor players for signs of heat exhaustion or injury. Prioritize player health over wins.
- _____ Take inventory and ensure the proper return of all club-issued equipment at the end of the season.
- _____ Lead the team in post-game "trash sweeps" and assist with field prep (dragging, lining, or covering mounds) as needed.
- _____ For the safety and well-being of our youth athletes, coaches must be free from the influence of drugs or alcohol during all team activities. Alcohol, illegal drugs, unauthorized prescription drugs, and/or marijuana shall not be possessed, consumed or distributed before, during or after any game, practice or at any other time at the field and/or game complex.

For any questions, concerns, issues regarding player/parent conduct or other issues, contact Baseball / T-Ball Liaison:
Nick Zimmerman (503) 741-1439 or Softball Liaisons: Kevin Brown (360) 703-7454 and Marijane Anderson (360) 355-6714

Coach Acknowledgement:

I understand that my primary role is to serve as a mentor and educator. I have read the expectations outlined above and agree to represent the club with integrity. I understand that failure to adhere to these standards may result in my removal from the coaching position.

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____