



COACHES CODE OF BEHAVIOR

“BETTER PEOPLE MAKE BETTER COACHES”

The environment created by a coach is integral to the overall experience of all players involved within cricket in the United States. USA Cricket is determined that cricket be a safe and enjoyable space for all. As such, below are some foundational expectations of coaches within our community. They are by no means exhaustive, but are a great starting point:

FOUR PILLARS OF A USA CRICKET COACH:

- 1. SAFETY – Create and foster a safe environment (physical and mental)**
 - 2. FUN - Fun must be a central consideration for every activity, regardless of age/level/ability**
 - 3. INCLUSION – Give everyone equal attention and respect**
 - 4. EMPOWERMENT - Encourage players to discover, think, learn, and play (Implicit v Explicit coaching)**
- Remember that many players participate for pleasure and winning is only part of the fun;
 - Never ridicule or yell at a player (particularly young players) for making a mistake or not coming first;
 - Be reasonable in your demands on players' time, energy and enthusiasm;
 - Operate within the rules and Spirit of Cricket and teach your players to do the same;
 - Ensure that the time players spend with you is a positive experience;
 - Avoid overplaying the talented players - all young players need and deserve equal time, attention and opportunities;
 - Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of all players;
 - Display control and respect to all those involved in cricket. This includes opponents, coaches, umpires, administrators, parents and spectators. Encourage your players to do the same;
 - Show concern and caution toward sick and injured players. Follow the advice of a physician when determining whether an injured player is ready to recommence training or competition;
 - Obtain appropriate qualifications and keep up-to-date with the latest cricket coaching practices and principles of growth and development of young people;
 - Any physical contact with a young person should be appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development;
 - Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
 - **DO NOT COACH FROM THE SIDELINES** – once the team crosses the boundary on to the field of play, all decision making (field positioning, bowling changes etc.) should be the responsibility of the team Captain and leadership group.