



## **Broadway Optimist Baseball Coaches' Guidelines and Player Relations**

### **Coaches' Guidelines:**

1. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of any personal desire to win.
2. I will remember to treat each player as an individual, remembering the large spread of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
3. I will do my very best to provide a safe play situation for my players.
4. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
5. I will lead, by example, in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
6. I will ensure that I am knowledgeable in the rules, and that I will teach these rules to my players.
7. I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
8. I will remember that I am a youth coach, and that the game is for the children and not the adults.
9. Coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by their spectators.
10. Before and after games, rival coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings to set the correct tone for the game.
11. Any Head Coach of a Broadway Optimist baseball team found to be the Head Coach of another baseball team during the same season shall be removed immediately, unless pre-approved by the Broadway Optimist Baseball Committee.
12. No tobacco, alcohol or drugs will be allowed on the playing field or at practices.
13. No profanity or verbal abuse will be displayed by coaches or players during games or practices.
14. Coaches should ensure they are aware of the rules and regulations in which the Broadway Optimist baseball programs operate (Cal Ripken-Babe Ruth/Broadway Optimist Club).
15. It is encouraged that each team practice at least twice per week.
16. Head coaches will choose up to three assistant coaches and a scorekeeper. The scorekeeper may be one of the three assistants or an individual outside of the playing field. The assistant coaches must be approved by the Broadway Optimist Baseball Committee prior to the start of the season.
17. The Head Coach will be responsible and accountable for the actions of his assistant coaches.
18. Head Coaches and assistant coaches must be willing to cooperate, promote and encourage participation in activities associated with the Broadway Optimist Baseball Program. These include but are not limited to concession stand manpower, providing announcer booth/score keeping manpower, fundraising activities

(Host Tournaments, BBQ Plate Sales, golf tournament, etc.) and other activities approved by the Broadway Optimist Club and Baseball Committee.

19. Coaches should be properly prepared for games and practices.
20. It is recommended that Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches participate in player and Coaching Clinics held by the Broadway Optimist Baseball Committee.
21. Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches are strongly recommended to join the Broadway Optimist Club. This will allow them to be given a voice in the Broadway Optimist Baseball Program's decision-making process and to assist in other service projects sponsored by the Broadway Optimist Club.
22. It is a requirement that the team first aid kit be at all practices and games. The first aid kit will be returned to the Broadway Optimist Club at the end of the season with the baseball equipment.

Player Relations:

1. Coaches should treat each player with dignity and respect.
2. Coaches should treat umpires with dignity and respect.
3. Coaches should ensure that dugouts are clear of equipment and trash at the end of the game.
4. Coaches should ensure that the equipment and facilities are not abused.

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\*NOTE: Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in disciplinary action decided by the Broadway Optimist Baseball Committee and approved by the Broadway Optimist Club, unless otherwise stated.

\* NOTE: The Broadway Optimist Baseball committee and the Broadway Optimist Club reserve the right to take appropriate action to rectify any situation, which is deemed detrimental to a specific player, team of the baseball program.

\* NOTE: This document will be kept on file with the Broadway Optimist Club.

I have read and understand the Coaches Guidelines and Player Relations document.  
I will adhere to each item as it is stated.

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Team Signature Date

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Print Name

Coaches Certification Program (please print)- \_\_\_\_\_