

CODE OF ETHICS SC DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL UMPIRES

1. This Code of Ethics for SC Dixie Youth Baseball has been developed to protect and promote the best interest of Dixie Youth Baseball and the officiating profession. Its primary purpose is to clarify and distinguish ethical and approved professional practices from those that are detrimental and harmful.
2. Respect and adhere to the principle that Dixie Youth Baseball is a "fun" program, and that it is designed for the enjoyment of youngsters and is not meant to be a hobby for adults.
3. I will study the rules; observe the work of other officials, and will, at all times, attempt to improve myself.
4. I will endeavor to keep my body in sound physical condition. I will have regular physical examinations to assure myself and my associates of my physical capabilities.
5. I will remember that while my work as an official is important, I must conduct myself in such a way that attention is drawn, not to me, but to the boys and girls playing the game. I will keep in mind that the game is more important than the wishes of any individual player or the ambitions of any individual official.
6. I will dress and maintain my appearance in a manner befitting the dignity and importance of my profession.
7. I will shape my character and conduct so as to be a worthy example to the boys and girls who play under my jurisdiction.
8. I will be fair and unbiased in my decision, rendering them without regard to the score.
9. I will give my complete cooperation to the leagues, which I serve, the officials' association of which I am a member and to SC Dixie Youth Baseball.
10. I will cooperate with my fellow officials and will do nothing to cause them public embarrassment.
11. I will, in my actions in the field, be firm but not overbearing; courteous, but not ingratiating; positive, but never rude; dignified, but never "cocky"; friendly, but not companionable; calm, but always alert.
12. I will not officiate a game after having any alcoholic drink that day.
13. I will abide by the "zero tolerance" policy of Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc. concerning the use of illegal drugs and Tobacco Products.
14. I will not approach coaches, league directors, or SC Dixie Youth Officials personally or by mail, relative to assignments or selection to tournaments.
15. I will not make a request to officiate a specific game or games for any coach or league.
16. I will not criticize or attempt to explain a fellow officials' judgment or decision.

Check the blanks signifying acceptance of the following terms for application.

_____ I hereby agree to umpire according to the official DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL, INC. rulebook, as well as any appropriate state adoptions.

_____ I hereby release Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc., South Carolina Dixie Youth Baseball and the participating leagues from all claims which I might have, except for this release, have or hereafter may have, and from any liability whether imposed by common law or statute or under the South Carolina laws of workers' compensation on account of any accident which may occur and/or injury which I may incur.

_____ It is further agreed that I am assuming all the risks of this undertaking and that I am acting as an independent contractor.

_____ It is further stipulated and agreed that my compensation is based upon a lump sum fee for a single competitive event and that no withholdings of these funds are made by the payer.

_____ I understand and agree that any league retains the authority not to employ my services.

_____ I agree to uphold and observe the constitution, by-laws and booking regulations of South Carolina Dixie Youth Baseball.

_____ I believe that Dixie Youth Baseball is an integral part of recreational programs and that good officiating promotes enjoyment of these athletic contests as well as protection to the participants. Because I want to render a service to the youth of South Carolina and progressively improve and elevate officiating standards in South Carolina, I agree to abide by the above Code of Ethics.

Date _____ Signature _____