Baseball is a game played at numerous levels including professional, collegiate, interscholastic, community, and recreational from the local to international levels of competition. The function of all players, coaches, umpires, officials and workers is to abide by only the highest level of sportsmanship and conduct.

The coach must be aware that he or she has tremendous influence, either good or bad, in the development of the baseball player, and thus, shall never place the value of winning above instilling the highest desirable ideals of character.

The coach must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all personal contact with the athletes, umpires, officials, administrators, state and national organizations, the media, and the public, the coach shall strive to set an example of the highest ethical and moral conduct.

“Bench jockeying” will not be allowed. Coaches are to prohibit bench jockeying, which would include personal and malicious remarks, cursing and obscene language towards opponents, umpires or spectators.

The coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug, alcohol and tobacco abuse and under no circumstances should authorize their use.

Coaches do not make statements that are false, deceptive, misleading, or fraudulent concerning work activities, personal and organization affiliations.

The coach shall not use alcohol or tobacco products when in contact with players.

The coach shall be thoroughly acquainted with baseball rules and is responsible for their interpretation to team members. The spirit and letter of rules should be regarded as mutual agreements. The coach shall not try to seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules. Players should be taught to respect the dignity of the game, umpires and opponents.

Coaches should confine their discussion to the rules and not challenge umpire decisions involving judgment.

Coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by their athletes and spectators. Before and after contests, rival coaches should meet and exchange friendly greetings in order to set the correct tone for the game.

Contest umpires will be treated with respect and support by the coach. The coach shall not indulge in conduct which will incite players or spectators against the umpires. Public criticism of umpires or players is unethical.

Coaches should expect from the umpires a courteous and dignified attitude towards themselves and the players.

Coaches do not engage in sexual harassment, abuse, or any other harassment.

Coaches should develop and promote a spirit of cooperation among the baseball family, including sponsors and any person connected with the program.

Baseball is a game of fun, designed for enjoyment of youngsters, not to be a hobby for adults coaching them.

I recognize the responsibility encumbered upon me to model ethical behavior. I pledge myself to observe, practice and maintain this code of ethics.

Name (Print): _______________________________ Signature: _______________________________
USA Baseball (USAB), sponsor of the USA Baseball 2011 NTIS, greatly appreciates your interest, presence, and cooperation in making this event a successful and meaningful experience for all participants involved. The average participant in the event will be well-mannered, well-disciplined, and very cooperative. Our greatest concerns are the safety of each participant and that at the completion of the NTIS, there will be no incidents, which reflect poorly on any individual, teams, or organizations. We ask your cooperation and responsibility toward these ends. Individuals or teams not adhering to the laws of the State of North Carolina may be removed from the event.

The Regional Director (and coaches/chaperones) shall be responsible for each of the 18 participants at the NTIS.

All participants in the NTIS – players, coaches, staff, are expected to abide by the Code of Ethics listed on the attached Code of Ethics Form.

Additionally we ask that in your duties as Regional Director (and coaches/chaperones), you understand the following conduct codes for the team, including the adult members.

**GENERAL CONDUCT**

State laws prohibit the use of alcohol by minors and the possession or use of drugs. The use of fireworks is also prohibited. These laws will be strictly enforced by hotel security, team coaches, and trials officials. Any player found in violation of these laws may be subject to prosecution by law enforcement officers and will be immediately expelled from the USA Baseball 2011 NTIS. Violators will be returned to their homes at their team’s expense. Team coaches/chaperones assume responsibility for monitoring player conduct in and out of the hotel(s) to ensure that drinking laws and all drug use laws are upheld.

The use or possession of drugs is in violation of State Law. Violators will be asked to leave the NTIS.

Entertaining members of the opposite sex in hotel rooms is not condoned. Many other settings exist for young men and women to interact. Hotel rooms are not considered appropriate for entertaining members of the opposite sex.

Maintain the USA Baseball National Training Complex in Cary, NC, in good order. (Littering and defacement of property will not be tolerated).

**FIELD CONDUCT**

Players will abide by USAB rules regarding field conduct. At all times coaches, teammates, opponents, and officials will be treated with the utmost respect.

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HOTEL CONDUCT

In addition to abiding by these NTIS Conduct Codes, all players will:

- Be in their rooms at 11:00 or one half hour after their last game or late night meal.
- Maintain quiet in the hotels after 11:00 pm.
- Always travel to and from the lodging and playing sites in pairs (to reduce security problems).

NOTE: It is the responsibility of every coach and chaperone to review with their teams these NTIS Conduct Codes. Individual and team violators of these provisions may be excluded from future participation in USAB events. (The USA Baseball Director and USA Baseball NTIS staff will administer such disciplinary action).

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

I recognize my responsibility for the entire behavior of the athletes on my team throughout their entire relationship with the USA Baseball 2011 NTIS. These responsibilities begin at the time of their arrival and conclude after their departure from the tournament, site, or other sites, which might be related to their participation in the tournament. The responsibilities include complete supervision while players are in their respective competition for the purpose of the NTIS.

I also recognize that discipline problems arise in the late evening after the conclusion of competition.

I also recognize that the USA Baseball Director, the NTIS Director, and the staff at the competition site will be available to help control discipline problems and make the NTIS enjoyable for all.

COACH/CHAPERONE NAME:________________________________________

SEX: _____ Male _____ Female   DATE OF BIRTH:____________________

ADDRESS:____________________________________________________________________________

CITY:__________________________________________ STATE:________     ZIP:_______________

HOME PHONE:_____________________________  WORK PHONE: _____________________

EMAIL:_______________________________________________________

Responsible for one team ONLY: TEAM NAME:______________________________________________

I have reviewed the above NTIS Conduct information, and that information of the Coaches Code of Ethics form, with my coach, and will assist him or her in any areas of these USA Baseball 2011 NTIS with regard to the conduct of my team and its individual members.

Signature of Coach/Chaperone:_______________________________________ Date:_________________

These forms will be returned along with player waivers at the start of the NTIS.