

## PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

The support of parents is crucial to the success of our program. The vast majority of parents whose children participate in baseball are well behaved. Occasionally there is the exception and we have developed this 'Parent's Code of Conduct' to convey the expectations behavior for all adults at the park. As a parent, guardian or adult supporter of a player at the park, you are expected to abide by this code of conduct.

### All Parents, Guardians and Adult Supporters are to:

- Remember that parents/adults are at a game to:**
  - support** the players, coaches and umpires – a parent is not part of the game itself.
  - make positive** comments, cheers and applause.
  - encourage** players to excel.
  - compliment** good play and effort, for both teams and all players.
  - aid** the players in understanding and appreciating what is accomplished in a game, by both teams, so that all of the players may learn the value of effort, skill refinement, and understanding of the game.
- Accept responsibility as a primary, positive role model.** You are your child's number one role model. You are also a role model for other players in the game, and children in attendance at the park. Lead by example and present the best example of character and behavior at all times.
- Allow the coach to coach the team!** Be an enthusiastic, positive supporter of the coaches' work during games with both your actions and your words.
- Relieve the pressure** of competition by helping players enjoy practices and games. Players feel enough pressure on their own.
- Help the coach** aid your player by making certain they are on time and properly equipped for all practices and games.
- Treat all participants (players, coaches, umpires, and spectators) with the same respect** that you would want for your own child.
- Learn** all you can about the game. Before you attempt to interpret the Laws of the Game, be sure you know and understand them.
- Appreciate good play**, no matter who makes it.
- Remember the game is for the players** and no one else. Do all you can to support them. Make baseball an educational opportunity.
- Support the team**, division, and league, as they strive to give your child a positive experience. Volunteer when you can. Say "thanks" to those who give their free time to the sport of baseball.
- Try to meet the parents** of the other team. We all want the same results for our kids. It is much harder to show disrespect to someone if you know them.
- Win with grace, lose with dignity.** We keep score, we record who wins and loses, and it matters to the players; they need to learn how to handle both the wins and the losses, so take an active interest in how participation is affecting your child as he/she grows into an adult. Help them know how to win and how to find positives in a losing game.

### Conduct that is discouraged:

- Do not remind umpires of calls, try to enforce rules, or attempt to influence umpires calls or decisions.
- Do not berate or belittle any player, team, or plays on the field.
- Do not try to influence the opposing team by making disparaging remarks or creating distractions.
- NEVER YELL AT OR TOUCH AN UMPIRE. DO NOT CONFRONT AN UMPIRE OFF THE FIELD. BEHAVIOR SUCH AS THIS IS NOT TOLERATED. YOU AND YOUR TEAM'S HEAD COACH CAN BE EJECTED FROM THE PARK FOR THIS TYPE OF BEHAVIOR.**

*These rules of conduct don't replace common sense and fair play so they will not address every issue or incident which may occur. Please use your Coach or League director to resolve any*

*question or problems which may arise.*