

Northville Baseball Softball Association

Parental Code of Conduct

Preamble

Thank you for allowing your child to participate in the Northville Baseball Softball Association program. We pride ourselves on our program's mission to foster, promote, provide, and advance the cause of baseball and softball for Northville children. To accomplish that goal, we need the cooperation of players, coaches, umpires and you, the parents. To ensure that every participant has an enjoyable experience, free from the negative situations that sometimes infect our sport, we ask that each parent a) READ the Code of Conduct below, b) AGREE that acting in opposition to the Code of Conduct is detrimental to the experience of our children, c) ACKNOWLEDGE that violations of the Code of Conduct can result in disciplinary action, up to and including removal of your children from the program and prohibiting future participation.

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To the Program:

- I will remember that the game is for our children – not for adults. I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child and all children.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of NBSA.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice, tournament or sporting event.
- I (and my guests) will NOT engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any officials, staff, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, incitement to riot or using profane language or gestures.
- I will ask and expect that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.

To the Coaches:

- I will NOT encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will respect my child's coach and do my best to have my child at all practices and games on time. I will recognize the importance of volunteer coaches.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

- I realize they are important to the development of my child and the program. I will communicate with them and support their decisions.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

To the Officials:

- I will respect the officials and their authority before, during and after the game.
- I will treat officials with respect. They are there to provide your child with a safe and healthy learning environment. Officials deserve the same type of environment from the parents and spectators.
- The following behaviors are unacceptable and will subject parents to NBSA discipline:
 - Verbal abuse. This includes directly and indirectly. Indirectly refers to talking to other parents or coaches at voice level audible to the umpire.
 - Physical contact of any kind.
 - “Carrying on” – i.e. talking about a call made some number of innings past.
 - Refusal to stop arguing, and further delaying the game after the umpire has provided a player or manager adequate opportunity to make a point.
 - Arguing of judgement calls (balls/strikes/out/safe).
 - Throwing or kicking any objects onto the field.
 - Acting in any manner deemed inappropriate by the umpire (s).

To the Players:

- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake.
- I will keep winning in perspective. A child usually forgets the outcome of the game; it is the adults that have a tendency to stress the win/loss record.
- I will strive to be a good role model for my child and the other children in the program. I will encourage my child to learn to lose with dignity and win with grace.

I have read and understand that violation of the code of conduct can result in disciplinary actions for my child and myself, up to and including removal of you and/or your children from the program and prohibiting future participation without warning for any violation of this Parent Code of Conduct.

Parent Signature

Date