



## SFYBA Code of Conduct

In order to advance the principles of sportsmanship and fair play and to promote mutual respect among players, coaches, league officials, umpires or referees, parents and spectators the St. Francis Youth Baseball Association (SFYBA) has established this "Code of Conduct".

This Code of Conduct shall govern the actions of coaches, players and spectators. It is intended to provide behavioral guidance and establish clear expectations for all involved and was not conceived to address every possible behavioral circumstance. This Code of Conduct shall serve as SFYBA's standard for behavioral evaluation.

It shall be the obligation of ALL program participants, spectators and volunteers, to comply with the terms and provisions of this Code of Conduct. Any person violating this Code of Conduct shall be subject to administrative action, up to and including termination of their privilege to participate in, or attend, any or all SFYBA sponsored activities. Be it known, by participating in SFYBA activities, whether home or away, you are agreeing to abide by this Code of Conduct.

### COACHES

Coaches shall support of SFYBA's commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority. Likewise, coaches shall remain sensitive to the physical and emotional wellbeing of the players on the teams. Coaches agree as follows:

- Coaches will be positive role models.
- Coaches will display and instill in their players the principles of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Coaches will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players, teams & community.
- Coaches will do their best to provide players with a positive experience.
- Coaches will ensure that teams exhibit respect and good sportsmanship, whether winning or losing.
- Coaches will treat all players, parents, spectators, opposing coaches, league officials and umpires or referees with respect.
- Coaches will respect the decision of an umpire or referee.
- Coaches will provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive.
- Coaches will not tolerate behavior that endangers the safety of the players, coaches, league officials, umpires or referees and spectators.
- Coaches will comply with all rules, policies and procedures, as established by the sports governing body & SFYBA.
- Coaches will be drug & alcohol free and will refrain from using any tobacco products at practices, games or any SFYBA athletic event.
- Coaches will use social media appropriately. Any violation of this will result in discipline determined by SFYBA.

## **PARENTS & SPECTATORS**

Parents & Spectators shall support the players, coaches, league officials, umpires or referees. Parents & Spectators shall not “coach” or “officiate”. Parents & Spectators will be supportive and enjoy the game. Parents & Spectators agree as follows:

- Parents & Spectators will be positive role models.
- Parents & Spectators will display and instill in all players the principles of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Parents & Spectators will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players, teams & community.
- Parents & Spectators will do their best to provide players with a positive experience.
- Parents will ensure that their children show respect for all other players, coaches, officials and spectators.
- Parents & Spectators will treat all players, coaches, spectators, opposing parents, league officials and umpires or referees with respect and avoid any confrontation with opposing players, spectators or coaches.
- Parents will comply with all rules, policies and procedures, as established by the sports governing body and SFYBA.
- Parents & Spectators will respect the decision of an umpire or referee.
- Parents will be drug & alcohol free and will refrain from using any tobacco products near players, coaches and spectators at practices, games or any SFYBA athletic event.
- Parents will inform the coach of any disability or ailment that may affect the safety of their child.
- Parents will use social media appropriately. Any violation of this will result in discipline determined by SFYBA.

## **PLAYERS**

Players shall display good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for each other. Players agree as follows:

- Parents & Spectators will be positive role models.
- Parents & Spectators will display and instill in their players the principles of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Players will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interest of other players, team and community.
- Players will treat all teammates, opposing players, coaches, opposing parents, spectators, league officials and umpires or referees with respect.
- Players will make every effort to be on time and ready to play. It is your responsibility if you cannot.
- Players will treat all equipment appropriately. Abuse, mistreatment or mishandling of any SFYBA league equipment or property will not be tolerated (i.e. throwing batting helmets or bats).
- Players & Spectators will respect the decision of an umpire or referee.
- Players will not use abusive or profane language.
- Players will not taunt or humiliate any other player.
- Players will be drug, alcohol and tobacco free at practices, games or any SFYBA athletic event.
- Players will use social media appropriately. Any violation of this will result in discipline determined by SFYBA.

We have read the SFYBA Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its provisions:

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