



## Parent Code of Conduct

As a parent, you play a special role in contributing to the needs and development of young players and the League. Through your encouragement and good example, you can help assure that all boys and girls learn good sportsmanship and self-discipline. In Kennewick National Youth Baseball, young people learn to work together, to sacrifice for the good of the team, to enjoy winning and deal appropriately with defeat, all while becoming physically fit and healthy. Best of all, they have fun.

**Support Your Child.** Supporting your child by giving encouragement and showing interest in their team is very important.

- Help your child work toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship in every game.
- Teach your child that hard work and an honest effort are often more important than victory—that way your child will always be a winner despite the outcome of the game!

**Always Be Positive.** Parents serve as role models for their children. Be aware of this and work to be a positive role model.

- Applaud good plays by your child's and the opposing team.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports activity.

**Remember That Your Child Wants to Have Fun.** Remember that your child is the one playing baseball, not you. It is very important to let children establish their goals—to play the game themselves. Take care not to impose your own standards and goals on them.

Don't put too heavy a burden on your child to win games. Children play for the fun of playing.

**Reinforce Positive Behavior.** Positive reinforcement is the best way to help your child achieve their goals and their natural fear of failure. Nobody likes to make mistakes. If your child makes one, remember it's all part of learning, so encourage your child's efforts and point out the good things your child accomplished.

**Do Not Be a Sideline Coach or Umpire.** Coaches, umpires, and Board Members are usually parents just like you. They volunteer their time to help make your child's baseball experience a positive one. They need your support too.

- Refrain from coaching or umpiring from the bleachers. As a volunteer organization, there's always an opportunity for you to take your interest in coaching or umpiring to the next level and become one yourself!

Failure to abide by the rules, regulations, and Code of Conduct of Kennewick National Youth Baseball may result in disciplinary actions being taken against the offender as outlined in the League Constitution.

Parents Signature

Date