



Player Code of Conduct

We are proud and excited to have you in our program. We want you to have fun, play hard, and learn the game of baseball. While we are doing those things, we also expect you to behave in a way that your coaches, your teammates, and your family would be proud. Before the season, please read through this document with your family or coaches, and sign it. If you do have questions, please ask your parents or coach for clarification.

Expectations for the Season

1. **I will always be respectful of my teammates.** This means I will cheer them on when they do well and support them when mistakes are made. I will play the game for my team, not for myself.
2. **I will always be respectful of my coaches.** I understand they are here to help me learn the game of baseball. I will do my best to follow their directions and know that I can respectfully ask questions if something doesn't make sense. I will be respectful of their and my teammates' time by paying attention during practices and games.
3. **I will always be respectful of umpires.** I will treat them as I would like to be treated, even if I have a different opinion. I understand that I am allowed to ask the umpires questions but only if I'm respectful when doing so.
4. **I will always be respectful of our opponents,** even if things aren't going well. It's my job to not engage with opponents who are not being respectful. If I am unhappy with the way our opponents are acting I will not taunt, tease, or respond to their behavior. After a game, win or lose, I will congratulate the other team.
5. **I will respect myself as a player.** I will seek to become the best athlete I can be. During practice, I will remember I am there to learn the game. I will do my best to follow instructions and I will not distract my teammates who are trying to learn. I will learn to accept corrections from coaches as a challenge to improve my baseball skills. I will take responsibility for my actions and the results of my actions. I will do my best to not get down on myself when I make a mistake. During games, I will win and lose graciously, demonstrating good sportsmanship.
6. **I will respect equipment.** I will not throw helmets, bats or gloves, and I will not damage my team's or my teammate's equipment.
7. **I will carry these expectations off the field as well.** I will be respectful of my teammates, coaches, opponents and umpires when using social media and while talking with friends and family.

When players do not follow these steps, we expect coaches to discuss the problem with players and parents as follows:

- 1st violation: Coach talks with the player to stop or correct the behavior and then addresses the issue with the parent after the game or practice.
- 2nd violation: Player is removed from the game and coach talks with player and parent after the game. If the violation occurs at a practice, the coach will decide whether to bench the player from the next game.
- 3rd violation: Player is removed from the game and coach talks with player and parent after the game. Player must also miss the following game, and the coach notifies MYBA President.

- 4th violation: Will be handled by the MYBA President.

The goal of this policy is to bring the matter to the attention of the player and player's family and correct the behavior. In the case of severe violations or if safety is concerned, coaches have discretion to modify this policy as needed.

I have read and understand the expectations and rules set forth above. I understand that if I don't adhere to these policies I risk not being able to participate in MYBA events including practices, games, team parties, etc...

Player's Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

I recognize that failure to comply with these rules may adversely affect my child's ability to participate in MYBA.

Parent's Name (Print): _____ Signature: _____

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