

RYBA Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct reflects policy and expectations of the Rochester Youth Baseball (RYBA) organization. It is intended to provide guidance to all those persons who are associated with RYBA and in particular those involved or responsible for directing their activities: players, coaches, umpires, parents, spectators, and members of the RYBA board of directors.

The purposes of the Codes of Conduct are to make the game of baseball more attractive, healthy and a worthwhile activity for children participating in RYBA Baseball. A very important aspect of the RYBA baseball program at all levels is teaching and promoting good sportsmanship. All individuals attending RYBA functions are expected to conduct themselves in a dignified and orderly manner.

BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR SPECTATORS, COACHES AND PARENTS

- Remember that children participate in sports for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Encourage your child to participate, do not force them.
- Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing.
- Encourage children always to play according to the rules and to settle disputes without resorting to hostility
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Remember that children learn best by example.
- Appreciate good performances and skillful plays by all participants.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Respect official's decisions and teach children to do likewise. Do not criticize, argue, or heckle any participant.
- Respect and appreciate volunteer coaches & officials. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
- Spectators should never enter the field of play

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- No foul or obscene language or verbal abuse of officials, coaches, parents or players.
- No spectators on the field without coach approval.
- No use of drugs, alcohol or tobacco at any event with minors.
- Good sportsmanship is expected at all times.
- Behavior expectations are for both on the field and in the spectator area.
- Abide by all rules and regulations adopted by RYBA baseball.
- Abide by all civil and criminal laws (including stipulations based on age and location of playing fields, etc.).

PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE RYBA CODE OF CONDUCT

- Immediately upon violations of the Code of Conduct at an RYBA event, and at the **coach's, umpire's, or league official's discretion**, the manager, player, spectator or coach **may be ejected** and if so, will be instructed to leave the grounds. If such person refuses to leave the grounds, the game will be forfeited to the non-offending team. Based on the seriousness of the violation, the offending person may, or may not, be warned before being ejected.
- After receiving the Umpire's report that a manager, coach, spectator or player has been ejected, the offending person is required to meet with the RYBA Compliance Committee before attending an RYBA event as a coach, spectator, or player. The RYBA House Commissioner or Traveling Director will notify the ejected person in writing, email, or telephone of the date, time and location of the Compliance Committee meeting. It will be the decision of the Compliance Committee whether to suspend indefinitely or reinstate that manager, coach, spectator or player. In the case of a spectator, he or she will not be allowed on the grounds until reinstated by the Executive Committee.
- Law enforcement will be called for any unlawful behavior by the coach, umpire or league official. If an individual that has been ejected refuses to leave the grounds, law enforcement may also be called.

PENALTIES FOR REPEAT VIOLATIONS OR SERIOUS ACTIONS:

- RYBA will not tolerate repeated violations or any actions considered serious in nature. If the Compliance Committee determines that the offender has multiple repeat violations or serious actions, the offender will be restricted from participating in or attending any RYBA event or activity.