



## **Parent Code of Conduct**

We, the board for Cumberland Valley Youth Baseball, have implemented the following Sport Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports.

**Preamble** The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Good Citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

As a Cumberland Valley Youth Baseball Parent, I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for each child participating in CVYB by adhering to the following code of conduct. I therefore agree:

- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will encourage all players to follow the rules of the game and will respect the decisions and authority of coaches and officials.
- I will inform the coach(es) of any physical disability, injury or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will be a positive role model by demonstrating positive support and respect for all players, coaches, umpires, officials and spectators at all times.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, umpire, or parent, not limited to: booing and taunting; using profane language or gestures; threatening; approaching during or after a game; or causing a scene.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.

- 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 refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- I will not enter dugouts or warm up areas (ball pens) during games, practice or other time, except in the event of an emergency or when instructed to by a coach.
- I will not approach any coach during or directly after a game to discuss a concern or question regarding the game. I agree to abide by CVYB's 24 hour rule if there is something that needs to be discussed with the coach(es) to allow time to calm down.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action levied by the CVYB Board of Directors that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal Warning
- Written Warning
- Parental suspension for games
- Parental season suspension
- Parental removal from all league activities

*The Cumberland Valley Youth Baseball Board of Directors retains the sole authority to determine what, if any, disciplinary action is appropriate for any conduct infraction.*