

# Homewood Baseball and Softball Code of Conduct for Coaches, Parents and Players

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| Coaches / League Representatives  | Parents/Spectators  | Players  |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Winning is important, but not more important than teaching player sportsmanship and fundamentals. Enjoying the game and having fun are the most important goals.</li> <li>Emphasize Teamwork. Every player has a contribution to make. It is the coach's responsibility to form a cohesive unit that plays well together. If there are any personality conflicts, the coach must help players overcome those differences for the sake of the team.</li> <li>Impress on your players that they must abide by the rules of the game at all times. <b>Know the rules.</b></li> <li>Develop your player's sense of fair play and sportsmanship. Encourage players to applaud good plays by members of the opposing team by doing so yourself.</li> <li>Cheer for your team, not against the other team.</li> <li>Refrain from posting any negative commentary, defamatory or harassing remarks or images on any social media regarding the league, your team, your players or their families</li> <li>Coaches should refrain from profane language or gestures when in the presence of any player.</li> <li>Coaches should refrain from smoking, drinking alcohol, using cannabis or illegal substances before and during practices and games.</li> <li>Be aware of your player's abilities. Do not place players into potentially harmful situations.</li> <li>Do not criticize the opposition's coaches or players in front of your team. If you have a problem with a player on an opposing team, address that problem with the manager not the player.</li> <li>Know the rules. If a situation arises where you wish to contest the umpire's decision, do so in a <b>calm and respectful manner</b> by requesting timeout and approaching the umpire at home plate. Umpire and/or commissioner decisions are final. No protests are allowed. Coaches should refrain from foul or abusive language towards officials.</li> <li>Coaches are prohibited from striking or using any bodily assault against officials, other coaches, players or spectators.</li> <li>Assist officials in keeping your team parents and fans under control. Only one member of each team should be addressing the umpire.</li> <li>Umpires, commissioners and league officials reserve the right to remove managers, coaches or spectators from the field for inappropriate actions of any kind.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support to all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sporting event.</li> <li>Always support coaches and officials working with your child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience.</li> <li>Refrain from posting any negative commentary, defamatory or harassing remarks or images on any social media. Please remember to be respectful when posting anything on social media.</li> <li>Never interfere with the conduct of the game or practice</li> <li>Refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, cannabis and other illegal substances.</li> <li>Do not use foul or abusive language/gestures towards any coach, umpire, official, player, or spectator.</li> <li>Foul or abusive language/gestures or negative comments of any kind towards commissioners, league officials, coaches, umpires, officials, players or spectators will not be tolerated. Only coaches may address umpires directly.</li> <li>Remember the games are for the youth – not for the adults.</li> <li>Never threaten a coach, official, player, or spectator.</li> <li>Never strike a coach, official, player, or spectator.</li> <li>Always do your best to make sure youth sports are played in a safe, healthy, and fun environment.</li> <li>Always promote that your child treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect regardless of the race, sex, creed, or ability.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abide by the rules of the game at all times.</li> <li>Treat your teammates and opponents with respect regardless of their race, sex, creed or ability.</li> <li>Respect coaches, officials, parents and spectators.</li> <li>Do not use foul or abusive language/gestures towards any player, coach, official or spectator.</li> <li>Refrain from use of alcohol, tobacco, cannabis and illegal substances.</li> <li>Always treat the facilities and equipment with respect wherever you may play.</li> <li>Cheer your teammates on and never lay blame on another teammate either publicly or in private.</li> <li>Never argue or question an official or coach.</li> <li>Never threaten a coach, official, player or spectator.</li> <li>Never strike a coach, official, player or spectator.</li> <li>Always conduct yourself in a courteous and respectful manner.</li> <li>Refrain from posting any negative commentary, defamatory or harassing remarks or images on social media. Be respectful and thoughtful when posting anything on social media.</li> </ul> |

# Homewood Baseball and Softball Code of Sanctions for Coaches, Parents and Players

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| Coaches / League Representatives  |  |  | Parents/Spectators  |  |  | Players   |  |  |
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| Infraction  | Directed towards   | Consequence  | Infraction  | Directed towards   | Consequence  | Infraction  | Directed towards                               | Consequence  |
| Use of alcohol, cannabis or illegal substances                                      | Within the park during a game, practice, or other league or team event where players are present | Warning and or ejection from the park  | Use of alcohol, cannabis or illegal substances                    | Within the park during a game, practice, or other league or team event where players are present | Warning and or ejection from the park  | Foul or abusive language  | A player, coach, spectator, umpire or official | Ejection from the game and a one game suspension                               |
| Foul or abusive language  | A player, coach, spectator, umpire or official   | Ejection from the game and a one game suspension                               | Interference with the conduct of the game or practice             | Resulting in the stoppage of play  | Warning  | Serious foul play   | Another player (no injury)                     | Ejection from game   |
| Threatening gesture and/or language   | A player, coach, spectator, umpire or official   | Ejection from the game and a two game suspension                               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> interference with the conduct of the game         | Resulting in the stoppage of play  | Ejection from the field or park  | Serious foul play   | Another player resulting in injury             | Ejection from game and two game suspension                                     |
| Allowing or encouraging foul abusive or threatening language or behavior by players | A player, coach, spectator, umpire or official   | Ejection from the game and a two game suspension                               | Foul or abusive language  | A player, coach, spectator, umpire or official   | Ejection from the game and a one game suspension                               | Threatening gesture and/or language                               | A player, coach, spectator, umpire or official | Ejection from the game and a two game suspension                               |
| Striking or bodily assault  | A player, coach, spectator, umpire or official   | Ejection from the game and up to a lifetime suspension from all HBS activities | Threatening gesture and/or language                               | A player, coach, spectator, umpire or official   | Ejection from the game and a two game suspension                               | 2 <sup>nd</sup> occurrence of above infractions                   | A player, coach, spectator, umpire or official | Suspension for balance of season. Reinstatement at board discretion            |
| Posting negative, defamatory or harassing remarks on social media                   | The players, coaches, volunteers or the league   | Board discretion but up to one year family suspension                          | Striking or bodily assault  | A player, coach, spectator, umpire or official   | Ejection from the game and up to a lifetime suspension from all HBS activities | Striking or bodily assault  | A player, coach, spectator, umpire or official | Ejection from the game and up to a lifetime suspension from all HBS activities |
|   |  |  | Posting negative, defamatory or harassing remarks on social media | The players, coaches, volunteers or the league   | Board discretion but up to one year family suspension                          | Posting negative, defamatory or harassing remarks on social media | The players, coaches, volunteers or the league | Board discretion but up to one year family suspension                          |

I HAVE READ THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND UNDERSTAND THAT MY ACTIONS HAVE CONSEQUENCES.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_