

DELANO YOUTH BASEBALL SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

As a DYBSA **PLAYER**, I pledge to abide by the following code of conduct:

1. I will practice good sportsmanship by treating all players, coaches, parents and officials with respect and dignity. I will have an attitude that is positive about my teammates, my team, my coaches and myself.
2. I will be first and foremost a team player and help others feel a sense of belonging. I will encourage and motivate rather than criticize my teammates.
3. I will accept constructive advice from coaches in a positive way and demonstrate a positive attitude. I will realize my role on the team as a player/competitor, not as a coach. If I disagree with my coach, I will approach him or her privately with respect.
4. I will accept the decisions of officials without demonstrating inappropriate actions such as arguing, unsportsmanlike gestures or language.
5. I will not use profanity. I understand that I will be warned for the first offense and, at the discretion of the coach, can be suspended from play for the remainder of the current practice, current game or for the following game.
6. I will display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat.
7. I will be on time for all practices and games. If I am unable to attend a practice or game, I will notify my coach in a timely manner.
8. I will do my best to attend all practices and all games. I also understand that improvement comes from practice and sometimes I may need to practice on my own, away from scheduled practices and games.
9. I will assist with the equipment and help clean up the dugout area at the end of every game or practice.
10. I will remember that I represent the community of Delano, my team and my coaches as well as myself. I will do anything I can to enhance our reputation and character with my conduct on and off the field. I will respect the equipment and facilities where I practice and play games on whether in Delano or outside of Delano. I will report any damage that occurs.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

As a DYBSA **PARENT AND SPECTATOR**, I pledge to abide by the following code of conduct:

1. I will support and enforce the Code of Conduct for Players.
2. I will demonstrate a positive attitude toward coaches, game officials, players and other parents. I will be a positive role model for my child, and I will refrain from publicly ridiculing or verbally abusing any player, coach, parent or official.
3. I understand that profanity or unsportsmanlike gestures, alcoholic beverages or drugs will not be tolerated.
4. I will treat our opponents (players, coaches and parents) with respect and dignity.
5. I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win. Even though I will encourage my child to play to win, I will also understand it is more important to teach them how to act when they win and lose and to handle both gracefully.
6. I will help my child understand the values needed to be a good team player and those include: unselfishness, good sportsmanship, team spirit, team player support, positive attitude, respect for everyone and a desire to have fun.
7. I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
8. I will understand and respect the differences between parental roles and coaching roles. While as a parent, I am ultimately responsible for my child's development, I must leave the coaching to the coach. I understand that our coaches are volunteers and as long as they are following the rules and providing a safe environment, they are worthy of my respect.
9. I will address any disagreements between a parent and a coach by first discussing the issue privately with the coach and if further resolution is needed, I may choose then to address the issue with the Board.
10. I will volunteer my time to help with the many tasks required to run a successful team and program.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES

As a DYBSA **COACH**, I pledge to abide by the following code of conduct:

1. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of my personal desire to win.
2. I will provide constructive criticism and give specifics on what needs to be corrected in an encouraging and positive manner.
3. I will treat each player as an individual and remember the wide range of emotional and physical development that exists within the same age group.
4. I will demonstrate qualities of fairness, patience, consistency and leadership for overall good team morale.
5. I will "lead by example" in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players. I will be a positive role model for the players I coach by practicing good sportsmanship behaviors.
6. I will treat each player, coach, official and parent with respect and dignity.
7. I will accept the decisions of game officials without showing inappropriate emotions and public displays of criticism in front of participants and spectators.
8. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all of my players.
9. I will do my very best to provide a safe playing situation for my players.
10. I will try to be as knowledgeable in the rules of the sport that I coach and teach these rules to my players. I will prepare myself as a coach to effectively teach the fundamentals skills of the game enabling my players the opportunity to achieve their fullest potential in competition and have fun in the process.

WARNINGS AND EJECTIONS

Any individual engaged in profane, rude or threatening speech, gestures or actions, the use of alcoholic beverages or drugs, or any other behavior deemed inappropriate while participating and/or attending a DYBSA youth activity will receive a warning (by the coach or any other official). If the conduct continues, violator is subject to ejection. The game may be suspended until violator ceases his or her conduct or leaves following an ejection. If the violator is uncooperative, local authority (police) may be notified. The DYBSA Board will review situations and decide if further action is required.

THIS IS YOUR COPY TO KEEP

**BY YOUR SIGNATURE ON THE REGISTRATION FORM,
YOU AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN AND YOUR CHILD AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE PROGRAM ARE AFFIRMING
THAT YOU HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND WILL ABIDE BY THE DYBSA CODES OF CONDUCT.**