



CO-COUNTY Youth Baseball

Parent/Player Code of Conduct

The function of a parent is to ensure a positive baseball experience for all players regardless of ability. The sports field offers a place to develop both as an athlete and individual, and lessons learned from the game of baseball will be carried throughout life. Each player should be treated with the utmost respect, and his or her welfare should be considered at all times.

YOU are the face of CO-County Youth Baseball. Accordingly, the following Parent's Code of Conduct has been adopted by the CO-County Youth Baseball Board. By reading & acknowledging this, you agree to all terms set forth herein.

CONDUCT AND ETHICS

AT ALL TIMES:

- I will be a positive role model for the athletes and demonstrate fair play and sportsmanship.
- I will act professionally and take responsibility for my actions.
- I am aware that I have a tremendous influence, for either good or ill, on the education of the player and, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
- I will remember that I am a youth sports parent and that the game is for children and not adults.
- I will exert my influence to enhance sportsmanship to those associated with the teams playing with special emphasis on respecting the rights, dignity and worth of athletes, coaches, other volunteers, friends and spectators alike.
- I will respect and support contest officials. **I will not indulge in conduct which would incite coaches, players or spectators against the officials.**
- I will demand that my team I am cheering for will treat other players, coaches, officials & spectators with respect, no matter what.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of our team ahead of a personal desire to win.
- I will ensure my language, manner, punctuality, preparation and presentation demonstrate the high standards of CO-County.
- I will support our team that playing the game the right way and doing one's best is far more important than winning & losing.
- I will treat everyone equally, regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion or ability.
- I will do my very best to make sure youth sports is fun & rewarding for our team and everyone involved!!

HEALTH AND SAFETY

I understand that I have a responsibility for ensuring that the health, well-being and development of athletes take precedence over the win/loss record.

- I will provide a physically and emotionally safe environment for practices and competition.

- I will provide a sports environment for our team that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

PARENT & PLAYER EXPECTATIONS

- You will stay in control of your emotions at all times. Leave questionable or bad calls to the coaches to handle.
- If you have an issue with a player, coach or parent, please do not address right after a game when emotions are running high. Please wait several hours until tempers can calm to address.
- All conversations with parents about their child will be one on one and remain confidential.
- Please have players on time to practices and games. If you cannot, please let the head coach know.
- Coaches put in a lot of time before practice to create practice plan, as well as before and after games so please be considerate of their time.
- Any name calling, bullying, or on-going behavioral issues, including bad sportsmanship, will not be tolerated.
- In our Select Spring League, Summer All-Stars & Select Fall League, playing time is earned and always evaluated.
- In our Recreational Leagues, playing time will be as equal as can be, but is still earned and evaluated based on who is and who is not showing up to practices on time, games on time, and applying themselves
- Games & Practices: Be on time & ready to play
- Apply yourself, hustle, approach every practice as a learning opportunity. You play like you practice.
- Keep your head up, stay positive. Errors, strikeouts, losses happen; it's part of the game.
- Be respectful; win and lose with dignity, be a positive influence on your teammates.
- Develop outside of team practices and games.
- Help with cleanup of dugout & field after every practice and game.
- A situation can be escalated to the board (any board member) if it cannot be resolved between you and the coach first.

Parent (print):

Player (print):

Parent (sign):

Player (sign):

Date:

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