

RYBA BASEBALL CODES OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS, COACHES AND PARENTS

(For those who are interested and particularly for those who are not!)

These codes reflect the policy of the RYBA organization. They are intended to provide guidance to all those persons who are associated with RYBA and in particular those 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. A very important aspect of the baseball league program is teaching and promoting good sportsmanship. All players, coaches and parents are expected to conduct themselves in a dignified and orderly manner.

BASIC CODE OF BEHAVIOR:

- No coach, player, parent or spectator may ever address, in a negative way, the umpires or coaches or other players. Use of profanity by a manager, coach, player, parent or spectator will not be tolerated. At the coach's, umpire's, or league official's discretion, the manager, player, spectator or coach may, or may not be warned. If the misbehavior continues, the offending person will be requested to leave the grounds, and if such person refuses to leave, the game will be forfeited to the non-offending team.
- After receiving the Umpire's report that a manager, coach, spectator or player has been ejected, the RYBA Compliance Committee will require such manager, coach, spectator or player to appear before the Compliance Committee within 5 days to explain his or her behavior. The Board of Directors will notify the ejected person in writing, email, or telephone of the date, time and location of the meeting and so note its notification in its minutes of the RYBA Board of Director meetings. 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.
- Uphold all rules and regulations adopted by RYBA Baseball.
- There will be no alcoholic beverages on or near league fields.
- All decisions made by umpires are final.

PARENTS' CODE OF BEHAVIOR:

- 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 disagreements without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 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. No criticizing, arguing, or heckling of any participant.
- Show appreciation for volunteer coaches, officials, and administrators. Without them, your child could not participate.
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every young person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

- Never attempt to enter the field of play. RYBA will not tolerate parental misconduct of any type.