

DYB Code of Conduct Policy

Players:

1. Play for the sake of playing a game, not just to please a parent or coach.
2. Always give my best effort and work as hard for my teammates as I do for myself.
3. Treat all players as I would like to be treated.
4. Be a team player and not show off.
5. Be a good sport and acknowledge good plays whether they are made by my team or by my opponents.
6. Abide by the rules of the game.
7. Cooperate with my coaches, teammates, opponents and umpires.
8. Never argue with or complain about umpire calls or decisions. When I do have concerns, I will raise them with my coach and let him/her handle them with the umpires.
9. Control my temper when I feel I have been wronged.
10. Remember that the object of the game is to win, but the most important goal is to enjoy playing baseball.

Parents:

1. Attend as many games as possible and participate actively in parent/coach meetings.
2. Be on time or early when dropping off or picking up my child for a practice or game.
3. Ensure my child is supported and encouraged by family or loved ones at games.
4. Encourage my child to have fun and keep the sport in its proper perspective.
5. Define winning for my child as giving her/his best effort.
6. Learn the rules of baseball and support the efforts of the umpires.
7. Honor the game and show respect for all involved including coaches, players, opponents, spectators, and umpires.
8. Applaud and encourage players from both teams and not yell out instructions.
9. Not make negative comments about the game, coaches, umpires, or players in my child's presence.
10. Encourage others to refrain from negative or abusive sideline behavior.
11. Insist on a drug-, alcohol-, and tobacco-free sports environment for all children and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all DYB games, practices and events.

Coaches:

1. Enthusiastically support and practice the philosophy of positive coaching, good sportsmanship, and everyone plays.
2. Know the rules, and consult those rules before raising rules questions during/after games with other coaches, Umpires or the league.
3. Emphasize to my players that they must abide by the rules of the game at all times.
4. Strive to teach my players the fundamentals of baseball, and then reinforce those fundamentals throughout the season.
5. Show respect for the calls made by all umpires. In cases where I have valid concerns, I will raise those concerns tactfully between innings or at the end of the game with the umpires in question.
6. Ensure that my team shows respect for our opponents, regardless of the outcome of the game.
7. Ensure a safe environment for all players on both teams.
8. Never verbally ridicule or physically touch a player in anger.
9. Collaborate actively and respectfully with the coaches on the other team before, during, and after the game.
10. Maintain the perspective that baseball is a game, to be played for fun.
11. Be prepared to intervene in any sportsmanship issues caused by the parents or players on my team, if these issues disrupt any game and cause the game's umpire to take action to resolve them.
12. Insist on a drug-, alcohol-, and tobacco-free sports environment for all children and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all DYB games, practices and events.

I agree to abide by the above expectations;

Player Signature _____ Date _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Coach Signature _____ Date _____