

CINNAMINSON BASEBAL PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT



Parents will remember that this is a recreational program focused on player development over the win/loss record. The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and the "six pillars of character": trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these characteristics. Through teaching your child these traits, it is the parent's responsibility to develop your child's character while the coach works to develop your child's skills.

Therefore, parents must agree to the following principals:

- Remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- Refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- Ensure that my child is at all games and practices at the required time or provide the coach with timely notification of absence beforehand.
- Notify the coach of any physical disability or ailment that will prevent my child from playing or that may create an unsafe environment on the field.
- Discourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
- Praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- Learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league and will respect the officials and their authority
 during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to
 speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- Along with your guests, be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect
 and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every
 game, practice or other sporting event.
- Along with your guests, do not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- Teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- Demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and refrain from their use at all sports events.

I agree to abide by the policies outlined in this code of conduct. Further, I acknowledge that if I fail to comply with aforementioned rules and guidelines, I may be subject to disciplinary actions levied by the Cinnaminson Baseball Board of Directors that could include, but are not limited to, (1) verbal warning by official, head coach, and or league officials, (2) written warning, (3) suspension from games, (4) game forfeiture for excessive parent violation, (5) season-long suspension and/or (6) removal from all league activities.

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