



PORT WASHINGTON YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

CODE OF CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP

Our goal is to sponsor a program in which children learn baseball, softball, or fast pitch softball skills and strategy while having fun doing it. The most important lessons that the boys and girls will learn through PWYB/S are how to love the game, participate in a team sport, and learn to be a good sport, win or lose. Good sportsmanship starts with coaches and parents. Words of encouragement do far more to build skills, self-esteem, and confidence than words that berate or belittle do.

In summary, PWYB/S expects coaches, players, and parents set good examples of good sportsmanship by keeping the game in perspective and respecting the umpires.

CODE OF CONDUCT

- I will refrain from foul or obscene language or gestures.
- I will refrain from physical or verbal altercations of any kind.
- I will not argue with or abuse the umpire in any way. I will respect the integrity and judgment of officials, treating them with respect, even if I disagree with their decision.
- I will refrain from booing, taunting, trash talking or making any kind of derogatory remarks to our opponents during the game, especially comments of an ethnic or racial nature.

PARENTS (and guests)

- I will learn the rules of the game and policies of the league.
- I will be a positive role model for my child by showing respect, courtesy and sportsmanship.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and doing their best.
- I will not ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or others during games or practices.
- I will never question or confront coaches at the game field and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.

PLAYERS

- I accept and understand the seriousness of my responsibility and privilege of representing my team and my community.
- I will treat opponents like I would like to be treated. I will wish opponents good luck before the game and congratulate them following either a victory or defeat.
- I will win with humility and lose with grace. I will do both with dignity and avoid excessive celebrating after a play or end of game.
- I will not argue or show disrespect to coaches, parents, or other players.

I agree that if I fail to abide by the rules and guidelines, I could/will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to a verbal warning by the league or game(s) suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file with PWYB/S.

I also promise to do the best that I can no matter the situation. I will have a great attitude and encourage my teammates and others. I will also have fun and have a great experience that will build lifelong lessons!