

## **PLAYER, MANAGER, AND PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

- Winning is a consideration, but not the only one nor the most important one. Care more about the child than winning the game. Remember that the child is playing this for enjoyment and we expect you to assist in this pursuit (especially at the lower levels.)
- Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of all players.
- Be generous with your praise when it deserves it. Be consistent and honest. Be fair and just. Do not criticize players publicly. Be a good communicator. Yelling isn't the answer.
- Address the needs of your players and be a good listener.
- **Never verbally or physically abuse a player, umpire, spectator, or other coach. In short, remember the reason you volunteered in the first place.**
- Give all players an opportunity to improve their skills. Teach them the basics. Help your players gain self confidence and develop self esteem. Allow them to play all positions at least once and occupy a different position in the batting order.
- Organize practices that teach, are fun and challenging.
- Maintain an open line of communication with your parents. Explain, in advance, what is expected of them and their child.
- Encourage sportsmanship.
- Do not encourage behavior that would endanger the health, safety or welfare of the players.
- **ALWAYS LINE UP AT THE END OF THE GAME AND HAVE EACH PLAYER SHAKE THE HAND OF THE PLAYERS ON THE OTHER TEAM. THIS IS MANDATORY PRACTICE REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME OF THE GAME.**
- **As a manager or coach in Clifton, we expect that you will monitor the opposing team's conduct toward these umpires. You may intervene anytime you feel it is necessary to [protect the welfare of our representative. Treat the umpires as an extension of your team responsibilities.**