



# DELTA BASEBALL & SOFTBALL LEAGUE



## *Parental Code of Conduct*

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in the Delta Baseball and Softball League by following this Code of Conduct:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the children, not the adults.
2. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
3. I will 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, umpires and spectators at every game and practice.
4. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any umpire, coach, player, or parent; such as booing or taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
5. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility.
6. I will ensure that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
7. I will teach my child that doing one's best is just as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
8. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a game.
9. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
10. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
11. I will respect the umpires and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront an umpire or coach during a game; if needed, I will take time to speak with league officials at an agreed upon time and place to discuss my concerns.
12. I will ensure a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol; will refrain from their use at all league or team events.
13. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
14. I will ensure that my guests follow this Code of Conduct.
15. I understand that my child shall not engage in inappropriate behavior at any time such as failure to follow coach instructions, inappropriate contact, or inappropriate language. Should my child engage in this type of behavior he/she may be removed from the league subject to Board approval.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following: verbal warning, written warning, parental game suspension, game forfeit, parental season suspension.

Player(s) Print Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_