

# Blanchester Youth Baseball

## Parent/Guardian/Spectator Code of Conduct

We, the Blanchester Youth Baseball BYB, have implemented the following parent sport code of conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of Parent/Guardian/Spectator in supporting their child in sports. Any Parent/Guardian/Spectator in violation of this code of conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games as determined by the BYB executive board.

### **I therefore agree:**

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to learn to have fun and the game is for youth not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) 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, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of un-sportsmanlike conduct with any umpire, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I, my guests, and family will only use social media such as Facebook, twitter, etc. for positive reinforcement or information about your team. Negative demeaning or bashing comments will not be tolerated on coaches, players, and family.
8. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
9. I will teach my child to play by the rules and resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
10. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, umpires and fans with respect regardless of race, creed, color, gender, or ability.
11. I will 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.
12. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard and make my child feel like a winner every time
13. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
14. I will emphasize skill development and the importance of participation at practice.
15. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I have for my child to win.
16. I will respect the officials and their authority during game and never question discuss or confront coaches at the game field and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time using the 24HR rule.
17. 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.
18. I will not alter or attempt to change my child's uniform without the organization's approval.

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Parent/Legal Guardian  
Date