

GLEN BURNIE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL LEAGUE CODE OF CONDUCT

CODE OF SPORTSMANSHIP, ETHICS AND INTEGRITY

(Adapted from a publication of the National Federation of State High School Associations)

POLICY:

Good sportsmanship is viewed by this League as a commitment to fair play, ethical behavior and integrity. In perception and practice, sportsmanship is defined as those qualities that are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. The ideals of sportsmanship apply equally to all activity disciplines. Individuals, regardless of their role in activities, are expected to be aware of their influence on the behavior of others and model good sportsmanship

PROCEDURES:

I. Expectations of Coaches and League Board Members

- A. Always set a good example for participants and fans to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior.
- B. Instruct participants in proper sportsmanship responsibilities and demand that they make sportsmanship and ethics their number one priority.
- C. Respect the judgment of umpires, abide by the rules of the game and display no behavior that could incite fans.
- D. Treat opposing coaches, participants and fans with respect. Shake hands with the officials, the opposing participants and coaches in public.
- E. Develop and enforce penalties for participants who do not abide by sportsmanship standards.
- F. Know the rules of the sport thoroughly and strive to instruct participants in the sound fundamentals of the sport.

II. Expectations of Players

- A. Treat your coaches and teammates with respect.
- B. Treat your opponents with respect. Shake hands after contests.
- C. Respect the judgment of the umpires, abide by the rules of the game and display no behavior that could incite fans.
- D. Cooperate with the umpires, coaches and fellow participants to conduct a fair contest.
- E. Accept seriously the responsibility and privilege of participating in this community activity. Display positive public action at all times.
- F. Live up to the high standard of sportsmanship as established by your coach and this League.

III. Expectations of Parents, Fans and other Audience Members

- A. Realize that this League has organized these youth sports for the recreation, socialization, education and enrichment of the lives of the participants. Attendance at an event of this Association is not a license to verbally abuse or assault others or to be generally obnoxious.
- B. Respect the decisions made by the umpires.
- C. Be an exemplary role model by positively supporting all participants and teams in every manner possible, including content of cheers and signs.
- D. Respect the participants, coaches, and other fans.
- E. Do not yell or verbally abuse any participant or coach. Do not yell or verbally abuse your own child. Do not give specific instructions or in any way countermand the coaches' instructions to his players.
- F. Stimulate desired crowd response using only positive cheers, signs and praise without antagonizing or demeaning opponents.
- G. Treat opposing fans with respect.
- H. Recognize outstanding performances on either side of the playing field.
- I. Know the rules and strategies of the contest in order to cheer at proper times.
- J. Maintain enthusiasm and composure, serving as a role model.

If players, parents or coaches break the Code of Conduct, they are subject to disciplinary action. If anyone has any questions or concerns about this policy, please contact your manager or league vice-president.

I have read and understand the League's Code of Conduct.

Player Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Coach / Manager / Board Member Signature

Date