



Code of Conduct

Our Mission: to instill in the youth of West Hartford the principles of citizenship, sportsmanship and teamwork by teaching the fundamentals of baseball. Our organization will call upon its experience to ensure:

- That all players – at every level – have fun playing baseball so that every player to comes back to play year after year until they are no longer eligible by age to play in the WHYBL
- That all players – regardless of skill level or performance - are contributing members of a team
- That all players are taught the skills, strategies and rules of the game and are provided a foundation on which to develop and experience increasing levels of competition as they mature
- That all aspects of the game and the experiences of playing on a competitive team enrich the lives of each young athlete

In keeping with this philosophy, the following Code of Conduct has been adopted to promote respect, sportsmanship, teamwork, good citizenship and responsibility among all our members. Players will learn these values by the examples they see from those around them.

- Managers/Coaches (“Coaches”) will display and instill in their players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play and will support the policies and processes set forth by the WHYBL Executive Board.
- Coaches will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of all players and do their best to provide the players with a positive experience.
- Players and coaches will respect WHYBL equipment, facilities and fields.
- Verbal abuse of an official, coach, player, or spectator, including obscene gestures, by any coach, player, or spectator will not be tolerated. The offender may be removed from the WHYBL fields at the discretion of an umpire or WHYBL board member and face further disciplinary actions.
- Coaches and players will not argue with umpires. Coaches, players, and spectators will not complain about perceived bad calls to players and fans. Any discussions will be held in conversational tones.
- Boing, taunting, refusing to shake another coach’s and/or player’s hands after a game, or ridiculing another player will not be tolerated and profanity is expressly forbidden.

WHYBL strongly encourages its members to:

- Applaud effort on the field, regardless of the score.
- Support the coaches who give of their time and resources.
- Be a positive role model who fosters respect of the coaches among the players.
- Understand that some umpires, coaches and players may be “in training” and while mistakes may occur, all participants are expected to treat each other with the respect their position within the game deserves.
- Teach players that they have a responsibility to learn and to try their best. Effort leads to achievement and respect.