

Policy on Abuse and Molestation

DBO Adopts USSSA's Policy on Abuse & Molestation

USSSA ABUSE/MOLESTATION POLICY USSSA will not tolerate the abuse/molestation of any minor participant in a USSSA sanctioned activity. USSSA sanctions athletic events in which it provides rules for play and a tournament structure that leads to season ending tournament opportunities for teams that register to play in USSSA sanctioned events. Because USSSA is not an organizer, it does not, in any way take responsibility for the creation, management or any other activity of the teams (customers) that register to play in USSSA sanctioned leagues and/or tournaments. As such, we encourage parents of youth team participants, the adult team participants, the community organizations who are involved in the organization, creation or management of such teams to investigate and screen the background and character of the individuals who coach, manage, volunteer or otherwise come into contact with such teams and their minor participants.

Parent Particulars

I, the parent/guardian of the player, as well as the player, will abide by the rules as well as Code of Conduct set forth by the Desoto Baseball Organization. I, hereby grant permission to the adult manager and/or coach of the player's team or league officials to obtain medical care from any licensed physician, dentist, clinic or hospital for the player named herein when either the parent/guardian cannot be contacted in person or by telephone. This authorization shall include all league activities, as well as travel to and from said activities. I, the parent/guardian absolve, indemnify, and agree to hold harmless Desoto Baseball Organization, the Board of Directors, the City of Desoto, the organizers, supervisor, participant and persons transporting the player to and from those activities, from any claim arising out of an injury to the player.

NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO REFUND OF REGISTRATION FEE OR ACTIVITY FEE AFTER OPENING DAY.

Signed: _____ on _____

Parent's Code of Conduct:

- I promise to demonstrate "Good Sportsmanship" on and off the field; to display respect for myself, my child's teammates, opponents, the coaches on both sides, for the referees, judges, and other officials.
- I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parent's Code of Conduct.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice, or other DBO activities.
- I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my child (and everyone else) ahead of personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment and will do what I can to create such an environment.
- I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free of drugs, tobacco and alcohol; and will refrain from their use at all DBO activities.
- I will require my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- I promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectable fan, assisting with coaches or providing transportation for my child to practice and games.
- I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the Coaches' Code of Conduct.
- I understand that participation in this sport may require the purchase of uniform and other equipment. I promise to purchase the necessary equipment or pay the coach or team representative for that equipment as directed by the coaching staff.

Signed: _____ on _____