

BBSA Code of Ethics

MISSION STATEMENT

The goal of the BBSA is to foster a positive environment for young baseball/softball players in order to enhance their confidence, self-esteem, and enjoyment of sports through participation in baseball and softball. Parents, coaches, umpires, and league officials should work together to ensure that the baseball/softball experience helps everyone associated with the players to enhance their sense of fair play, respect for others, sharing, and appreciation of teamwork. They must never forget that the purpose of youth sports in general and Burlington baseball/softball in particular is to provide a healthy athletic environment for young men and women.

CODE OF ETHICS AND BEHAVIOR

While acknowledging that nearly everyone associated with BBSA has some affiliation with a team or group, it must be stressed that every individual—be they player, parent, coach, umpire, or league official—is responsible for his or her own behavior. The rules and guidelines set forth in this code are the responsibility of every individual to adhere with.

It must also be noted that there may be behaviors and actions not specifically addressed in this document that warrant disciplinary actions.

Disciplinary action will be addressed by the BBSA Board of Directors.

CODE OF ETHICS AND BEHAVIOR FOR PLAYERS

- Players agree to come to the field with a positive attitude.
- Players must understand and honor the commitments they and their parents have made to their coaches, teams, and league.
- Players must respect all team and league rules.
- Players must respect the decisions of umpires. At no time will the questioning of an umpire's ruling be tolerated.
- Players must always give their best effort.
- Players must always be honest, even when doing so results in situations unfavorable to their team.
- Players must not show off, trash talk, taunt, or otherwise verbally abuse anyone.
- Players must respect equipment and playing fields. Stealing or destroying anything will be grounds for dismissal from the league.
- Use of tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs, even away from the playing fields, is grounds for dismissal from the league.
- Use of foul language and swearing is not allowed.

- Throwing of equipment (including, but not limited to, bats and helmets) is not allowed.
- Fighting is prohibited.

Disciplinary action will be addressed by the BBSA Board of Directors. Players agree to abide by decisions of the BBSA Board.

CODE OF ETHICS AND BEHAVIOR FOR PARENTS

- Parents agree to come to the field with a positive attitude.
- Parents must understand that once a game has started the umpire has complete authority over the game, its participants, and its spectators. The umpire has the authority to ask an individual or group of individuals to leave playing field and surrounding area. Anyone asked to leave must do so immediately.
- Parents must show proper respect for games officials, participants and coaches from both teams, and other parents and fans.
- Parents should refrain from potentially high spirited conversations immediately before or after a game. Discussions like these should be held at a later time.
- Parents must respect all team and league rules.
- Parents must respect the decisions of umpires. At no time will the questioning of an umpire's ruling be tolerated.
- Parents must always be honest, even when doing so results in situations unfavorable to their team.
- Parents must not show off, trash talk, taunt, or otherwise verbally abuse anyone.
- Parents must respect equipment and playing fields. Stealing or destroying anything will be grounds for dismissal from the league.
- Use of foul language and swearing is not allowed.
- Throwing of equipment (including, but not limited to, bats and helmets) is not allowed.
- Fighting is prohibited.
- Parents must remain off the playing field at all times.

Disciplinary action will be addressed by the BBSA Board of Directors. Parents agree to abide by decisions of the BBSA Board.

Tobacco, alcohol, and drug use are forbidden. Anyone who uses these substances at a game or attends a game under their influence will be asked to leave the playing field and surrounding areas.

Parents must strive to be good role models and ensure that everyone adheres to principles of good sportsmanship and ethics.