**Parent/Player Code of Conduct**

**Lebanon Valley Teener Baseball.**

**PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT**

We, the Board Members of Lebanon Valley Teener Baseball, have implemented the following Parent/Player Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents/players in supporting their child(ren) in sports. Parents must read understand and sign this form prior to their child(ren) participating
in our league.

Any parent/player exhibiting improper conduct at any game, practice or other function at our facility will be asked to leave the Lebanon Valley Teener League facility and shall be suspended from the following game in which his/her child(ren) will be playing. Repeat violations may cause multiple game suspensions, or entire season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games at the facility. Negative behavior exhibited at ANY facility at which our league participates in games will result in the same suspensions and forfeitures as noted above based on the By-Laws set forth by Lebanon Valley Teener Baseball.

Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

• Trustworthiness
• Respect
• Responsibility
• Fairness
• Caring
• Good Citizenship

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child(ren) to participate in sports.

2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that 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 the 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 positive role models for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice, or other sporting event.

6. Neither I or my guests will engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, parent, or Board member such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.

7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.

8. I will teach my child(ren) to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.

9. I will demand that my child(ren) treat other players, coaches, officials, parents, spectators, and Board members with respect regardless of race, creed, color, gender, ability, religion, etc.

10. I will teach my child(ren) that doing one’s best is more important than winning, so that my child(ren) will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or any player’s individual performance.

11. I will praise my child(ren) for competing fairly and trying hard and make all children including my own feel like winners every time.

12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child(ren) or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.

13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child(ren) over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.

14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child(ren) to win.

15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches or managers at the game field, and will take time to speak with them at an agreed upon time and place.

16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all sports events.

And lastly,

17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am assigned to serve as one of the official coaches of the team.

**Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parents signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**

1. I will treat all players, coaches, umpires, parents, and spectators with dignity and respect, as I would like to be treated, using appropriate language in appropriate tones when interacting with them.
2. I will arrive on time for practices, meetings, and games.
3. I will seek to become the best athlete I can be by practicing appropriately, trying my hardest on the field, and concentrating on the play of the game.  I will learn to take correction as a compliment.
4. I will win and lose graciously, demonstrating good sportsmanship throughout games and practices.
5. I will be honest and take responsibility for my actions and results.
6. I will not use any form of intimidation or bullying against another player, coach, or umpire.
7. I will play for the team, not myself.
8. I will support my teammates and have a positive impact on my team.
9. I will encourage and assist my teammates, giving encouragement and support in success and struggle.
10. I understand that the use of any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, etc.) is strictly prohibited.
11. I will support and cheer for all players and enjoy the skill and competition and will not to intimidate or ridicule the other team or its fans.
12. I will learn the rules of the game, so that I may understand and appreciate why certain situations take place.
13. I will show respect for all players, coaches, spectators, and support groups.
14. I will respect the integrity and judgment of the game umpires, understand that they are doing their best to help promote the youth baseball athletes, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.
15. I will recognize and show appreciation for an outstanding play by either team.
16. I will only use cheers that support the teams involved.

**Parent Signature that above Code of conduct was explained to player:**

**Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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