North Henry Youth Baseball
Code of Conduct Agreement

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 and good citizenship.* The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

I therefore agree:

1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
2. Forcing my child to participate in sports may result in a negative outcome.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or aliment 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. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model 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, and all league events.
5. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
6. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
7. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
8. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
9. I will teach my child that trying the best is just as important, if not more important, than being the best. I understand that my child does not have to be the "star player".
10. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
11. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
12. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups and encourage all the children, even on opposing teams.
13. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I have for my child to win.
14. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
15. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
16. I will not park my vehicle on any grass, no parking areas, handicapped areas, or areas not specifically marked for parking. I understand that police action will be taken for violations and my vehicle towed with no warnings.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal and/or written warning by official, head coach, and/or association.
- Ejection from the park. Prosecution WILL be sought for any violence or threat of violence.
- Game suspension of manager or coach
- Season suspension.
- Written documentation of all incidents will be kept on file with NHYB.

North Henry Youth Baseball supports a "zero tolerance" policy and will strictly enforce this Code of Conduct. Complaints regarding this code shall be filed with the applicable Division Director. The matter shall then be referred to the Board of Directors for action.

We have read the North Henry Youth Baseball Code of Conduct. We agree to follow these rules and help enforce them at all times.

Player	Date	Parent(s)	Date
* Parent(s) may sign for those under 13 yoa		Parent(s)	Date