

## **Code of Conduct**

### **CINNAMINSON BASEBALL CODE OF CONDUCT**

In order to ensure that the principles of sportsmanship, fair play, skill development, and mutual respect among players, coaches, officials, and spectators are the primary considerations governing competition in Cinnaminson Baseball, the following Code of Conduct has been established.

## **Coaches**

Each COACH will ensure that his/her conduct sets examples for team members and spectators. To satisfactorily meet these responsibilities, the COACH is expected to:

1. Know the rules and abide by them. Instruct the players in the rules and motivate each player to compete according to the rules at all times.
2. Respect the game officials. Refrain from questioning their decisions in a hostile or abusive manner.
3. Ensure that all field rules and regulations are followed by all players and spectators
4. Ensure that fans of his/her team exhibit sportsmanship and maturity at all times and assist league & game officials in maintaining control of spectators during games.
5. Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team during the play of the game and at its conclusion.
6. Take appropriate steps to minimize scoring in runaway games.
7. Teach each player, especially through personal example, to be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.
8. Maintain control of his/her emotions and avoid actions, language, and/or gestures that may be interpreted as hostile and humiliating.
9. Instruct team support personnel (e.g., assistant coaches, scorekeepers, and timekeepers) in their responsibilities as prescribed by rules & procedures.
10. Realize, accept, and practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability but also on its sportsmanship, courtesy, and manner.

## **Players**

1. Know and respect the rules of the game.
2. Show respect and courtesy to officials and coaches by following their instructions and directions with courtesy.
3. Respect the game officials and refrain from addressing them or commenting on their decisions during the play of the game. The game captain or his designate may address the officials during the game but only within the provisions of the rules and in a courteous, respectful manner.
4. Maintain control of his/her emotions, avoiding the use of abusive or profane language, taunting or humiliating remarks, and/or gestures and physical assault upon another player at any time.
5. Respect the coaches and players of the opposing team and display sportsmanship at the

conclusion of a game

6. Be humble and generous in victory and proud and courteous in defeat.

## **Parents & Spectators**

1. Respect the rules of the game and the league.
2. Abide by the rulings and instructions of all league officials.
3. Show respect and courtesy to officials, coaches and players at all times.
4. Ensure that your child is at all games and practices at the required time or provide the coach with an appropriate excuse beforehand.
5. Respect the game officials and refrain from questioning their decision or from addressing them in a loud, disrespectful or abusive manner.
6. Cheer for each team in a positive manner, refraining at all times from making negative or abusive remarks about the opposing team.
7. Follow all League & rules and regulations, respecting at all times the property of others.
8. Demonstrate appropriate gestures of sportsmanship at the conclusion of a game win or lose.
9. Follow all League regulations, respecting at all times the property of others.
10. Realize, accept and practice the principle that a team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability but also on its sportsmanship, courtesy and manner.

### **CONSEQUENCES FOR VIOLATION OF CODE OF CONDUCT:**

Parents/Players/Coaches may be subject to disciplinary action that could include but is not limited to the following:

Verbal warning by official, coach, and/or Commissioner or League President

Written warning.

Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file.

Parental season suspension.

Parental disbarment.

Player removal.

Coach removal.

In an effort to support this approach to youth sports we ask that you print the form below and have the appropriate individuals sign it. A copy should then be given to the coach.

We all understand that a youth sport has a reputation that is not well deserved as the majority of us participate without incident. We as an organization will not tolerate behavior from coaches, players or parents that would contradict our mission statement. Please be conscience of your behavior at all times.

# THE TEAM CONTRACT

Players Name \_\_\_\_\_

As your coach I promise to-

1. Try to make practices and games as much fun as possible.
2. Maintain a high level of safety during all activities.
3. Teach the ideas of sportsmanship and respect for others at every opportunity.
4. Help each player learn the game of baseball in the best way I know how.
5. Willingly listen to all players, parents, coaches and umpires for their ideas (at the appropriate times).
6. Follow the rules as set forth by Cinnaminson Baseball.
7. Never argue with the umpire. (Discuss the rules yes, argue no.)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

As a player I promise to-

1. Try to have as much fun as possible while learning and playing baseball.
2. Always try as hard as I can.
3. Pay attention to the coaches and do what I am told.
4. Always pay attention to the ball.
5. Treat everybody on the field as you want to be treated.
6. Not to argue with the umpire or coach.
7. Always wear the proper safety equipment at practice and games.
8. Always cheer for your teammates, even when they are not doing great.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

As a parent I promise to-

1. Have fun watching my son and helping the team.
2. Help my son have the most fun possible.
3. Work with my son to improve his skills when time allows.
4. Make sure my son is properly dressed and equipped for practices and games.
5. Volunteer to help the team when time allows.
6. Not argue in public with the coach.
7. Never argue with the umpire's calls.
8. Never yell discouraging remarks to any player.
9. Always cheer and encourage all players to do there best.
10. Have my son at practices and games on time.
11. Notify the coach if my child can not attend a practice or game.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_