



# BC BASEBALL PARTICIPANT'S CODE OF CONDUCT



The goal of BC Baseball League is to ensure that participation in baseball games is fair, positive, and an enjoyable learning experience for all the children and adults involved.

The BC Baseball Participant's Code of Conduct defines and encourages positive conduct of all participants, including players, coaches, parents, and guests, before, during and after games which the BC Baseball League administers at any location.

Participation in BC Baseball League events will be available to all eligible children on the basis of their demonstrated athletic ability, coachability, and competence in getting along with other players and coaches and on the child's and their parents' adherence to this Code of Conduct.

A baseball game should be friendly and unifying, a spirited social and athletic occasion for players, coaches, umpires and spectators. BC Baseball League intends to provide a constructive, educational activity for children whereby they learn to appreciate and develop their own athletic skills and their abilities to learn to win and learn to lose. The events allow an opportunity for coaches, parents and their guests to teach children these important life lessons.

By this Code of Conduct, BC Baseball intends to ensure that parents and players are informed of BC Baseball League's rules and regulations which apply to its games. To clarify expectations of conduct, all parents and players are required to read, understand, sign and abide by the following code of conduct, which will be enforced fairly and uniformly:

1. Before, during and after the game be an example of dignity, patience and positive spirit.
2. During the game, act in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner to all players, coaches, parents, umpires and administrators.
3. Applaud and cheer for good plays by either team.
4. Inappropriate yelling at players and umpires is prohibited. BC Baseball League events are for the development of the children who are participating and the behavior of any person involved must be conducive to the children's development during practices and games.
5. If you have a major complaint, report your complaint to your head coach. Your head coach will communicate with BC Baseball on your behalf. If the problem involves the head coach, any complaint must be in writing, signed by the complainant, submitted to the BC Baseball League Board of Directors. The address of the BC Baseball League Board of Directors is BC Baseball, Twin Oaks Complex, 351 North Purdy Lane, Columbia, MO 65201. Upon receipt of a written complaint, the matter will be investigated and the complainant will receive a response within two (2) weeks of receipt of the written complaint.
6. The decision of any umpire is final. Umpires, especially young and inexperienced ones, are like young players, in that they need time to develop. You play an important role in helping all umpires to improve by letting them concentrate on the game. You help by accepting their inevitable, occasional mistakes and not overreacting and yelling at them.
7. There will be Zero Tolerance of cursing or use of inappropriate language by players, coaches or fans. In the event of a first offense of cursing or use of inappropriate language, BC Baseball League will disqualify the offender for the remainder of that game. Any second offense will be administered as an ejection and the offender will, at a minimum, be ejected for the remainder of that game and the next game. A third offense will be considered a second ejection and administered as such, causing the offender to be suspended from league activities for the remainder of the season.
8. There will be Zero Tolerance of coaches, players or fans in questioning an umpire's judgment in regards to ball and strike calls. BC Baseball League will disqualify any offender for the remainder of that game for the first time this behavior occurs in a season. Any second offense will be administered as an ejection and the offender will, at a minimum, be ejected for the remainder of that game and the next game. A third offense will be considered a second ejection and administered as such, causing the offender to be suspended from league activities for the remainder of the season. This rule is not intended to keep coaches from calmly discussing with umpires pitch location and/or a catcher's setup position between innings. However, this rule is intended to stop players, coaches or fans from talking to umpires about pitch location from the catcher's box, coaches' box, dugout, stands, etc. during a game.
9. A player, coach or fan who is disqualified from the playing field or stands, will be suspended, at a minimum, for the remainder of that game. A player, coach or fan ejected from the playing field or stands will be suspended, at a minimum, for the remainder of the game and the next game. A second ejection by a player, coach or fan in the same season will result in a suspension from league activities for the remainder of the season.

BC Baseball Participant Code Of Conduct, Page 2

10. Anyone disqualified or ejected from a game MUST leave the park immediately. (Going to the parking lot and being out of sight and sound of the games being played will be interpreted as complying with this rule.) Failure to do so will result in an immediate forfeiture of the game by the team whose player, coach or fan has refused to leave the park immediately. The staff person ejecting the offender will inform the offender of the forfeiture potential if the offender does not immediately comply with the ejection.
11. A head coach will have the authority to demand that a parent adhere to this Code of Conduct and to enforce this Code of Conduct. It is the responsibility of a head coach to inform parents that they are to conform to the Code of Conduct. The head coach will first inform the umpire of his or her intention to inform the offending parent of the necessity to comply. Any time a parent is removed from the stands, the head coach is also removed for the remainder of that game if the coach has not asked the offending parent to adhere to this Code of Conduct.
12. An ejected player MUST leave the park immediately and MUST be accompanied by a parent or guardian. If no parent or guardian is available, the ejected player must be accompanied out of the park by a coach from that player's team and the coach shall remain outside of the park until a parent or guardian is present to take custody of the ejected player. A player who has been disqualified for cursing or use of inappropriate language, first offense, does NOT need to leave the park. A coach or fan who has been disqualified for cursing or inappropriate language, first offense, MUST leave the park.
13. **IMPROPER CONDUCT AT A BC BASEBALL LEAGUE GAME OR TOURNAMENT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.** The BC Baseball League, as this Code of Conduct indicates, takes the matter of disorderly conduct very seriously. The opportunity to participate in this league is a privilege granted to the players, coaches, parents and guests. Improper conduct towards any BC Baseball League officer, director, employee, umpire or independent contractor providing services for the BC Baseball League, in person or via any method including but not limited to phone calls, letters, e-mails or faxes, is considered to be grounds for immediate suspension, ejection, dismissal or barring of players, coaches, parents or fans from teams, games or tournaments until such time as an appeal can be heard at the league's next scheduled board meeting. Such a suspension, ejection, dismissal or barring would, at a minimum, cost a player, coach, parent or fan the remainder of the season. The league also reserves the right to suspend a player if that player's parent or guest is suspended, dismissed or barred from league activities.
14. No food or drink, including bottles, cans, jugs or coolers are allowed to be brought into the Twin Oaks Complex nor any other complex leased by BC Baseball which has similar rules. A full-service concession stand is available on the Twin Oaks Complex premises. Due to safety concerns and health code regulations, no food is to be cooked in the parking lot area of the Twin Oaks Complex. BC Baseball League reserves the right to inspect bags, etc. which are brought into the Twin Oaks Complex.
15. BC Baseball League will provide water coolers in each team's dugout throughout the year at the Twin Oaks Complex.
16. ANY food or drink (which includes bottled water, sports water or drinks and/or any Gatorade type products) brought into the Twin Oaks Complex, will be confiscated. Repeated violations of park rules will result in suspension from league activities.
17. No pets, scooters, skate boards or other equipment not to be utilized for the players participating in a BC Baseball League event are allowed.
18. Access to BC Baseball League facilities and sponsored events will be available to all players, coaches and parents who sign and comply with the terms of the Code of Conduct, as well as their guests.
19. This access to BC Baseball League facilities will apply to all who are in compliance with the Code of Conduct without discrimination on the basis of their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability or status as a Vietnam veteran.

I have read the *BC Baseball Participant's Code of Conduct* and agree to abide by the code of conduct at all BC Baseball events.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_