

## BPBL CODE OF CONDUCT A POLICY STATEMENT OF THE BRENTWOOD PONY BASEBALL LEAGUE ("BPBL")

"Baseball is an exciting game. Disputes will arise, tempers may flare, the example set by managers and coaches, spectators and parents will be reflected by the players and coaches. As adults guiding, setting an example for young people, make it a good example. Violent displays of temper will not only give the program a bad name, but may cost the League by loss of fans and financial support in future years."

Overview - This code of conduct is designed to ensure a safe healthy atmosphere for all. In order to protect the children of our community's interests and to ensure that there will be facilities available for their use, we have developed what we hope is a fair, firm, and consistent set of standards. Although each City or school facility that BPBL utilizes may have their own set of rules and regulations, the entire League will adhere to the following consequences for misconduct. Those misbehaviors not included will be responded to as necessary by BPBL Board members. The nature of certain violations may require notification to the proper authorities. If there is a penal code infraction, immediate and swift action will be taken to notify the proper law enforcement agencies.

Consequences - Brentwood PONY Baseball League, through its Board of Directors, shall reserve the right to remove any player, parent or volunteer whose conduct on or off the playing field reflects in a manner that is detrimental to the best interests of Brentwood PONY Baseball.

Recognizing the difficulty of establishing specific penalties for a variety of violations of acceptable conduct, the following penalties have been adopted. The League may impose any or all such penalties which, in their opinion, are commensurate with the severity of the offense.

- **WARNING** Will be considered to have been given by the receipt of this Code of Conduct policy.
- **SUSPENSION** The offending person is to be advised verbally and followed up in writing that he or she has been suspended from all League activity for a specific number of games or days.
- **DISMISSAL** The offending person is to be advised in writing that he or she has been dismissed from the League for the remainder of the current year.
- **BARRED** The offending person is to be advised in writing that he or she has been barred from present and future participation in the League, permanently or for a specific number of years.
- **FORFEITURE** If a situation arises with a spectator, coach, parent, and/or player that is deemed necessary to be diffused by the either team's Manager or any umpire, those individuals will have the authority to request that the game be stopped. The League's Board of Directors will review the matter and decide the outcome of the game.

The entire league will play the game of baseball as described in The Sporting News Official Baseball Rules book printed for PONY Baseball, Inc. and amended by the current PONY Baseball Rules & Regulations and Brentwood PONY Baseball In-house Rules. Good sportsmanship should be observed at all times. Running up the score, taunting or otherwise demeaning opponents will not be tolerated.

The following are but some of the rules to abide by when playing or practicing, and when using any of the facilities utilized by BPBL. In addition, any posted rules unique to a specific City or school district facility must be followed:

1. The use of tobacco or alcohol during Brentwood PONY Baseball League events where children is strictly prohibited.
2. The use of obscene, abusive, discriminatory or derogatory language, actions or remarks is strictly prohibited.
3. Inappropriate touching of players or other coaches is strictly prohibited.
4. Children not participating in League activity must be supervised at all times.
5. Do not throw, hit, or cause balls to strike facility buildings or fences not designed for such use.
6. Deposit trash in appropriate containers.
7. Observe all posted traffic signs (speed and parking.)
8. Respect neighbors' property. (Remember, we are guests.)
9. Use restroom facilities provided. If not available, you will need to go to a location that has a public restroom.

**By signing below, you agree to abide by the Code of Conduct, and accept the consequences of noncompliance.**

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PLAYER NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DIVISION:** \_\_\_\_\_