

# ABL PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

## Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in Baseball are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of Baseball is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character." It is important to understand that participating in the Aurora Baseball League is not a right but a privilege that demands compliance of these essential rules.

I therefore agree:

- 1) I will not force my child 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 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 or other sporting event.
- 6) 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.
- 7) I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
- 8) I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 9) I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- 10) I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- 11) I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- 12) I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- 13) I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also deemphasize 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 to win.
- 15) I will respect the coaches 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.
- 16) I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront officials at the game field.
- 17) I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- 18) I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- 19) I will report any violations of these codes of Ethics IN WRITING and in a SIGNED statement to a Board Member of the ABL. Then action may be taken against any violators of the Parents' or Coaches' Code of Ethics.
- 20) I understand that a violation of any of the above codes may result in my removal from practices, scrimmages, games and any other ABL events or removal from the ABL completely.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Failure to sign this agreement will forfeit your family's privilege to participate in this year's ABL Season.\*\***

## 2013 ABL Player Code of Conduct

I therefore agree:

1. I will remember that baseball is an opportunity to learn and have fun.
2. I will be positive about my youth baseball experience.
3. I will encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials and parents at every game and practice by demonstrating good sportsmanship.
4. I will attend every practice and game that I can, and I will notify my coach if I cannot attend
5. I will do my best and listen and learn from my coaches.
6. I will treat my coaches, other players, and fans with respect.
7. I deserve to have fun during my baseball experience and I will alert my parents or coaches if it stops being fun.
8. I deserve to play in an environment that is free of drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I expect adults to refrain from their use at all ABL events.
9. I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity.
10. I will do my best in school.

ABL Player Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_