



# St. Anthony Boosters Baseball Code of Conduct

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## I. Players Code of Conduct

Upon registration, the following player code of conduct will be agreed to by the parents/guardians of the player and the player themselves. This code of conduct must be signed (electronic signature acceptable) before the player can participate in St. Anthony Boosters Baseball.

### Players Code of Conduct

*Please read the Players Code of Conduct with your child and acknowledge your/their understanding and willingness to abide by the Players Code of Conduct.*

*I (player) hereby pledge to have a positive attitude and I (player) agree to be responsible for their participation in St. Anthony Boosters Baseball by following this Players Code of Conduct:*

- 1. I will exhibit good sportsmanship, and encourage good sportsmanship from fellow players, parents, coaches, and officials at every practice, game, and tournament.*
- 2. I will attend every practice and game that is reasonably possible, and will notify my coach well in advance if I cannot attend.*
- 3. I will be on time for practices and games, ready to go, with all my equipment.*
- 4. I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches. I will treat my coaches with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability, and will expect to be treated similarly.*
- 5. I will not use obscene language or gestures.*
- 6. I will not be physically or verbally intimidating or abusive, or assault another player, coach, or umpire.*
- 7. I deserve to play in an alcohol, tobacco, and drug free environment and I will conduct myself in a way so that all of my teammates will have this opportunity as well.*
- 8. I will encourage my parents/guardians to be involved with my team in some way because it is important to me.*
- 9. I will do my best in school and I understand that school/grades have priority over sports.*
- 10. I will remember that sports are an opportunity to learn and have fun.*
- 11. I agree that as a member of a St. Anthony Boosters Baseball team, I will respect other people's property, authority, and laws governing my actions.*

*I (player) understand and am willing to comply with the Players Code of Conduct set forth above. I (player) understand that failure to do so will result in reprimands by my coach, and/or the SABB Board of Directors. Reprimands may include, but are not restricted to: verbal reprimand, suspension from play, and expulsion from current and future Boosters Baseball activities.*

## II. Parents/Guardians Expectations & Code of Conduct

Upon registration, the following parents/guardians code of conduct will be agreed to by the parents/guardians of the player. This code of conduct must be signed (electronic signature acceptable) before the parents/guardians can participate in St. Anthony Boosters Baseball.

### Parents/Guardians Expectations & Code of Conduct



*Please read and acknowledge your understanding and willingness to abide by the Parents/Guardians Code of Conduct.*

*Thank you for your participation in the St. Anthony Boosters Baseball program. Parents/Guardians play a key role in the continued success of our players and coaches. This section has been created with the help of both coaches and parents to best help you understand your role with our teams.*

*What we expect of parents:*

- 1. Provide the equipment that your child needs (cleats, equipment, uniforms, practice clothes, etc.). If you are unable to do so, please talk to the SABB Director of the program you are registering for who may be able to help.*
- 2. Have your player to practices and games on time. "On time" will vary depending on the coach, but typically would mean having your player to practice dressed and ready to go by the scheduled start of practice and to games typically up to one hour prior to the scheduled start time. Please pick your child up promptly at the end of practices and games for safety reasons and out of respect for our coaches. Our coaches are volunteers, and we don't expect them to provide supervision after games and practices.*
- 3. Be a positive parent. Praise your child's and the team's efforts. Do not focus on the outcomes of the games. If watching practices or the games, find moments where your child or the team excelled and point them out when you talk about the game/practice with your child.*
- 4. Do not talk poorly about the St. Anthony Boosters Baseball Board of Directors, coach(es), other players, other parents, or officials. This includes both at and away from the park and in all mediums of communication. Remember that you are a role model to your child. Your child will likely do as you do.*
- 5. During games, cheer for your team and remember that these games are not life and death. Officials, coaches, and players will make mistakes. Keep your comments and cheers positive. Let the coaches coach, the players play, and the officials officiate.*
- 6. Please refrain from coaching your child from the sidelines during games – shouting at players only confuses them and detracts from the instruction the coach is providing. Remember, you are there for positive support.*
- 7. If you disagree with the officials, and you feel you absolutely must be heard, please contact and discuss your concerns at an appropriate time with the coaching staff. The leagues hold the coaches responsible for the conduct of all their fans.*
- 8. Understand that your coaches should provide all players opportunities to try different positions out of 'fairness for each player', but coaches, out of 'fairness to the team', may need to designate some positions as 'key positions', which require passing a tryout before a player is certified as 'game ready' to play a team position.*
- 9. Understand that the sport of baseball is a team game, involving team members of varying skills, and that Boosters Baseball players can expect reasonably balanced playing time per game – IF they exhibit good attendance for practices and games, show respect towards teammates, coaches, and others, and listen and try to improve skills throughout the season. Further, please understand that 'reasonably balanced playing time' does not mean 'at every position', and that 'fairness to the team' may lead the coaches to declare certain positions as 'key positions', for which a player must be certified as 'game ready' to play those positions in games.*
- 10. If you would like to speak to your child's coach about any issue, there are good and bad times to do this. The most ideal time is after practice. Try to let the coach know ahead of time that you would like to speak with them after practice. Bad times to approach a coach about issues are before and after games. The coaches will have a lot on their minds during these times, and your conversation may not be the highest priority for the coaches during these times. Each coach will let you know the best way to communicate with them (email, phone conversation, direct conversation after practice, etc.). In fairness to both you and your coach, it may be best to ensure you pick a good time for the conversation.*
- 11. If you have a concern that you would prefer not to address directly with the coach you may also contact the Baseball President or level Director with questions, comments and/or concerns.*



12. *Only coaches, players, and volunteers that are invited by the coaches to be in the dugout may be present in the dugout and/or on the field during games and practices. If an injury occurs, the coaches will summon you if you are needed.*

13. *If you or your child are having behavioral problems that adversely affect the team, you will be made aware of the situation, and the coach will work with you to set guidelines of what will be tolerated. If the coach is spending excessive time getting behavioral problems controlled, it is time taken away from the rest of the team; it is a privilege to be part of a team - not a right.*

*I have read, understand, and agree to comply with the Parents/Guardians Code of Conduct provisions set forth above. I hereby pledge to have a positive attitude and to be responsible for our participation in St. Anthony Boosters Baseball by following this Parents/Guardians Code of Conduct. I understand that failure to do so may result in reprimands by my coach, and/or the SABB Board of Directors, which may include, but are not restricted to: verbal reprimand, suspension from, and/or expulsion from current and future Boosters Baseball activities*

### **III. Conduct Violations**

Should any player, parent, or guardian violate any part of the codes of conduct the following actions will be taken:

#### **First Violation**

Violator will be asked to leave the park for the remainder of the game/practice. A meeting with the head coach to discuss the incident and how the violator will behave within the Code of Conduct in the future will take place before the violator will be allowed to return to games/practices. This discussion should take place away from games/practices and should take place at least 12 hours after the incident. The Program Director or Board President could also take the place of the head coach in said meeting. If the violator is a player, then the parent should also be present at the meeting.

#### **Second Violation**

Violator will be asked to leave the park for the remainder of the game/practice. A meeting with the Program Director or Board President and one additional board member to discuss the incident and how the violator will behave within the Code of Conduct in the future will take place before the violator will be allowed to return to games/practices. This discussion should take place away from games/practices and should take place at least 12 hours after the incident. If the violator is a player, then the parent should also be present at the meeting.

#### **Third Violation**

Violator will be asked to leave the park for the remainder of the game/practice and will not be allowed to attend games/practices for the remainder of the season.

#### **Additional Notes:**

These Code of Conduct and Behavior Policies will be superseded by other league, tournament, or team rules should they require more immediate and/or broader actions.

The St. Anthony Baseball Boosters Board may take more immediate actions if behavior is aggressively confrontational and escalating to potential violence.

Players are still allowed to participate if it is their parents who violate the Code of Conduct. However, if the parent who violated the Code of Conduct is unwilling to accept the consequences of the violation then the player will also be asked to leave.

The coach(es) and St. Anthony Boosters Baseball Board of Directors will be responsible for enforcing this Code of Conduct.