

VERNON BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

As parents and spectators we must remember that our coaches and are doing the best that they can to teach the players the game, rules, and to act properly on and off the field. The Vernon Baseball Association appreciates the job they are doing and expect parents to acknowledge their efforts as well.

Everyone participating in the Vernon Baseball Association whether as players, coaches, officials, parents or spectators, is entitled to do so in an environment of courtesy and safety.

Parents and spectators are encouraged and welcomed to attend all games and special functions hosted by the Vernon Baseball Association.

As a parent in the Vernon Baseball Association I promise to:

1. Provide positive support, care, and encouragement for our children participating in the VBA and all other children participating in the sport of baseball.
2. Encourage good sportsmanship through demonstrating and providing respect for all players, coaches, umpires, parents and the public at large at all games, practices and events.
3. Encourage and teach our children to always treat all players, coaches, parents, fans and officials with respects.
4. Encourage and promote a team spirit and will endeavor to have our children attend all games, practices and events related to the baseball season.
5. Place the emotional and well-being of our children ahead of any personal desire to win.
6. Demand a drug, alcohol and smoke-free sports environment for our children and all children participating in the sport of baseball.
7. Always remember that the game and the experience is for the children.
8. Discuss any differences with coaches, fans and officials away and distant from all children in a calm and dignified manner. Understand that the coach is in charge and has the position of authority over the children during games, practices and events.
9. Always remember to be a positive example in all respects of the sport of baseball for the children.
10. Not accept or participate in bullying of any player, coach, official, or other parent physically, verbally, or emotionally.
11. Be responsible for the behavior for any guests I may invite to participate in or observe a VBA event and ensure they behave in accordance with this Code.
12. If I observe any violations of this Code of Conduct by other parents or those to be followed by either Coaches or Players, I will abide by and adhere to the VBA Conflict Resolution Policy in dealing with the matter of concern. (Please refer the www.vernonbaseball.com for this Policy)

Warnings and Ejections

Any parent or spectator engaged in profane, rude or threatening speech, gestures or actions are subject to **ejection** from the park by the umpires or a member of the Board of Directors of the Vernon Baseball Association.

Umpires have been given the authority by the Vernon Baseball Association to determine whether a game continues; the game may be suspended or forfeited until or terminated unless, the violator ceases his or her conduct or leaves the park following their ejection. The coach of the team (home or visitor) with the violator is responsible to direct their affiliate from the park to avoid forfeiture or suspension of their game.

Medical information disclosure by parents

It is the responsibility of parents to disclose medical information regarding a player.

- a. Parents must notify coaches of any pre-existing medical condition(s) such as a heart condition, past concussion, etc. prior to a player working out with a team
- b. Parents must notify coaches immediately of any existing medical condition(s) that has become known.
- c. Parents who do not report medical condition(s) of a player to coaches will not be eligible for VBL insurance coverage.

Please note that it is important that you have read and understand this VBA Code of Conduct as described above. Any failure on your behalf to comply with the above may result in a temporary or permanent removal from all VBA sponsored activities.