

West Boca Youth Baseball

CODE OF CONDUCT

West Boca Youth Baseball (WBYP) provides youth baseball players with an opportunity to practice and learn good sportsmanship, attitudes and responsibilities and to become friends with other children throughout our community. Everyone's conduct at WBYP activities should exemplify good sportsmanship. The guiding principle behind the enforcement of this code is that the behavior of everyone involved in WBYP should not detract from the children's enjoyment of the sport.

1. COACHES

Required standards of coaching behavior include but are not limited to:

- Coach in a positive manner, reflecting Positive Coaching Alliance values and WBYP league guidelines.
- The three Positive Coaching Alliance values are:
 1. Teaching ROOTS – respect for rules, Opponents, Officials, Teammates and one's Self.
 2. Teach players the ELM Tree of Mastery – Effort, Learning and bouncing back from Mistakes.
 3. Emotional Tanks – Use encouragement and positive reinforcement as your primary method of motivating.
- Set a good example for participants and fans to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior.
- Respect the judgment of officials; abide by the rules of the event.
- Treat opposing coaches, participants and fans with respect.
- Instruct participants in sportsmanship and demand they display good sportsmanship.

Penalties:

Depending on the severity of the offense, coaches acting in an unacceptable manner may be warned, suspended including for the remainder of the season, or disqualified from future WBYP participation subject to the following:

- Any coach ejected from a game because of unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended at a minimum for the next two games and may be subject to additional penalties.
- Any coach who threatens or abuses another person (including an official and/or umpire) will be suspended at a minimum for the next two games and may be disqualified from future WBYP participation.

2. PLAYERS

Acceptable standards of participant behavior include but are not limited to:

- Treat opponents with respect;
- Respect the judgment of officials and/or umpires and abide by the rules of the contest;

- Accept seriously the responsibility of representing the league by displaying positive behavior at all times;
- Play in a positive manner, reflecting good sportsmanship.

Penalties:

Depending on the severity of the offense, players acting in an unacceptable manner may be warned, suspended including for the remainder of the season, or disqualified from future WBYB participation subject to the following:

- Any player ejected from a game because of unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended from the next game and may be subject to additional penalties.
- Any player who threatens or abuses another person may be suspended from play including for the remainder of the season and may be disqualified from future WBYB participation.
- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players. Coaches of teams with an undue number of player violations may be suspended including for the remainder of the season or disqualified from future WBYB participation.
- Any player partaking in repeated unsportsmanlike conduct will be ejected from the game by the player's coach and suspended from the next game. The player may be subject to additional penalties at the discretion of the Coordinator Director.

3. SPECTATORS

Acceptable standards of spectator behavior include but are not limited to:

- Remember that the players are children and are playing for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Respect decisions made by officials and/or umpires and REMEMBER that some umpires are young adults. Verbal abuse will NOT be tolerated.
- Be a role model by positively supporting teams and by not shouting instructions or criticism to the players, coaches or officials and umpires. Do not coach from the stands.
- Make no derogatory comments or gestures to players, coaches, parents of the opposing team, officials, umpires or league administrators.

Penalties:

- Participating teams and their coaches are responsible for the conduct of their spectators.
- Any spectator who displays poor sportsmanship may be removed from the facility by an official, their team coach, a league official or the host field person-in charge.
- Any spectator who interferes with the conduct of a WBYB activity may, at the discretion of the spectator's league, be barred from attendance at subsequent WBYB activities.

4. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

All officials and/or umpires are required to report any code of conduct violations to the league Chief of Umpires immediately following the completion of the game. Umpires will provide the team name, manager, coaches, players and/or spectators name(s) in violation of this policy along with a description of the violation. The Chief Umpire will send a report to the Division Coordinator as soon as practical.

All managers and coaches are responsible for reporting any code of conduct violations directly to their Division Coordinator.

5. ENFORCEMENT

WBYP Coordinator Directors and the Board of Directors shall enforce this code. Complaints regarding violations of this code shall be brought to the attention of the responsible divisions Coordinator Director. If the Coordinator Director is unable to resolve the issue raised by the Complaint, he or she will then advise the Disciplinary Committee which is appointed by the Board of Directors. The Disciplinary Committee and the responsible division Coordinator Director will work together in resolving the issue and take any and all action needed by WBYP in their sole and exclusive discretion to enforce this code including, imposing penalties consistent with this code.

Name of Athlete (printed)

Name of Parent/Guardian (printed)

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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Date