



## **PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT**

**Baseball and Softball embody the discipline of teamwork, challenges players towards perfection of physical skills, and brings into play the excitement of tactics and strategy. The very nature of baseball and softball also teach that while every player eventually strikes out, or is on a losing team, there is always another chance for success in the next at-bat or game. With this in mind, Murfreesboro Baseball & Softball Association (MBSA) expects each player to adhere to the following:**

It is a privilege to participate in athletics MBSA.

As a player, I will:

1. Conduct myself with honor, dignity and treat other players as I would like to be treated
2. I will treat all players, coaches, umpires, parents, and spectators with dignity and respect, as I would like to be treated, using appropriate language in appropriate tones when interacting with them.
3. I will respect the integrity and judgment of the game umpires, understand that they are doing their best to help promote the youth baseball athletes, and admire their willingness to participate in full view of the public.
4. Respect the game and its rules, learn and follow them, and play the game fairly.
5. Show respect for the authority of the referee, even though I will sometimes disagree with his/her calls.
6. Show good sportsmanship before, during, and after games. I understand that this is a game, and that the players on the other team are my opponents, not my enemies.
7. Be modest and generous when I win and gracious when I lose.
8. I will win and lose graciously, demonstrating good sportsmanship throughout games and practices.
9. I will follow the directions of my coaches.
10. I understand that the use of tobacco products, e-cigarettes or any controlled substances (alcohol, drugs, etc.) is strictly prohibited at any MBSA event.

I understand that if I do NOT follow the Code of Conduct, any of the following actions may be taken by my local participating town program or by MBSA:

1. Required to apologize to teammates, opponents or officials.
2. Substituted or suspended from game, practice or other team activities.
3. Removal from the organization.

## **EJECTIONS**

All ejections of Coaches, Players OR Spectators mean that the person(s) are ejected for the current game AND the next game the team plays. An ejected person must leave the field area and move outside of the gate/fence, into the parking lot/grass area beyond the fence. All game/park ejections are reviewed by MBSA Board and continued issues will be dealt with appropriately. Depending on the seriousness or frequency, the Board may assess additional disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the League.