

# Code of Conduct for Players, Parents, Spectators and Coaches



## INTRODUCTION

DBB is a national youth baseball organization that governs youth baseball activity, emphasizing fun, fair play and sportsmanship. The mission of our program is to provide a recreational outlet that enhances every participant's enjoyment of their baseball experience. To better achieve this goal, we are outlining a Code of Conduct for all parents, coaches, and players involved in DBB. The Code of Conduct is intended to place a renewed emphasis on parents, players, and coaches abiding by the rules and regulations of the game. It is expected that everyone will maintain a cooperative attitude while upholding the ideals of sportsmanship.

## PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

### *All Players Will ...*

- \* Display good sportsmanship.
- \* Follow the directions of the tournament director.
- \* Show respect to all opponents, coaches, players, umpires, tournament officials and spectators.

### *All Players Will Not ...*

- \* Use abusive or profane language.
- \* Taunt or humiliate any other player.
- \* Abuse, mistreat or mishandle any equipment or property.
- \* Threaten or commit violence against any person while attending an event.

## PARENTS and SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

### *All Parents and Spectators Will ...*

- \* Conduct themselves in a manner that displays good sportsmanship.
- \* Show respect to all opponents, coaches, players, umpires, tournament officials and other spectators.

- \* Comply with the decisions of tournament officials and observe all rules, policies and procedures as established by DBB, Inc.
- \* Not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while at any tournament related event.

### ***All Parents and Spectators Will Not ...***

- \* Ridicule, demean, threaten or engage in a confrontation, or violence with players, coaches, other spectators or umpires.
- \* "Coach" or "umpire" from the stands.

### **COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

Coaches will remain unconditionally supportive of DBB's commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, and respect for authority.

Likewise, coaches will remain sensitive to the physical and emotional well-being of the players.

### ***All Coaches Will ...***

- \* Successfully complete a required background check.
- \* Be positive role models.
- \* Display and instill in their players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- \* Conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players.
- \* Do their best to provide their players with a positive experience.
- \* Ensure that their teams exhibit good sportsmanship at all times, win or lose.
- \* Treat all players, coaches, opponents, umpires, league officials and spectators with respect.
- \* Provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive.
- \* Teach the game of baseball to the best of their ability.
- \* Comply with the decisions of league and tournament officials and observe all rules, policies, and procedures as established or endorsed by DBB.
- \* Not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol while at any athletic event.

## ***All Coaches Will Not ...***

- \* Engage in violence or threaten acts of violence against any person while attending an event.
- \* Ridicule or demean any players, coaches, opponents, umpires, league officials or spectators.
- \* Argue with opponents, players or spectators on any playing field or during any team function.
- \* Tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well-being of a child.
- \* Use any tobacco products in the dugout or on any playing field or during any team function (practice, game etc.)

## **Important: Unacceptable behavior is subject to disciplinary action**

### **DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

#### **Violations of Official Rules and Regulations - (Playing Field – Dugout)**

The umpire has the authority to “disqualify any player, coach, manager or substitute for objections to decisions or for unsportsmanlike conduct or language, and to eject such disqualified person from the playing field” or dugout.

Note: An ejection, resulting in a player being removed from the premises, requires the disqualified player to be accompanied by an adult.

#### **Tournament Activities - Premises**

The DBB Tournament Director, or his designee/s, has the authority to “request the removal” from the premises of any individual for unsportsmanlike conduct, or inappropriate language, violence, or threats of violence. Furthermore, any person found to be in violation of the Code of Conduct may be immediately removed.

Violations of the **CODE OF CONDUCT** may result in, but are not limited to, the following based on the severity of the offence:

1. Full or partial restriction from league/tournament privileges;
2. Suspension from participation in activities of DBB;
3. Expulsion from the program;
4. Loss of opportunity to participate (permanent ban) in any future activities.

Prior to taking any of the actions specified in Items: 2, 3, and 4 as found above, the party charged with violation of the **CODE OF CONDUCT** will be advised of the charges against them and given an opportunity to respond. In the event that disciplinary action is taken, the party may exercise the **RIGHT OF APPEAL** to the Executive Board of DBB, Inc.

As a member organization of USA Baseball, DBB is required to report to USA Baseball any individual the organization has banned or suspended for any reason. USA Baseball disseminates the aggregated lists of ineligible participants to all external organizations. Once removed from one sector of our sport, it is the intent that these individuals not reappear in the entire baseball network.

## **CONCLUSION**

DBB, Inc. reserves the right to impose penalties, including, without limitation, game suspensions, dismissal, suspension or revocation of a franchise for serious or repeated violation of this Code of Conduct or other conduct deemed to be harmful to the organization.

DBB leagues and/or their sponsoring organization have the responsibility to protect the young people playing in its local program. DBB created a risk management plan to reduce and/or prevent the occurrences of misconduct in DBB affiliated league baseball programs as well as to reduce the liability potential for DBB leagues and/or the sponsoring organizations. Misconduct can negatively impact participants, league officials/staff members, family, friends, and the sport.