

WILMETTE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT

POLICY STATEMENT

The goal of the Wilmette Baseball Association is to provide a rewarding youth baseball program, while promoting positive life skills and strong character development. Our core values are fairness, respect, responsibility, trustworthiness and good citizenship. We strive for the highest standards of sportsmanship as detailed in the following Code of Conduct. Every participant — whether player, coach, parent or spectator — has a responsibility to comply with and enforce the provisions of the Code.

To accomplish these goals, each player, coach and parent (or guardian) must sign the Code of Conduct before any player can receive his uniform or otherwise participate in the program. By signing the Code of Conduct, each participant agrees to comply with the Code and acknowledges that any failure to comply with any provision of the Code could lead to disciplinary action.

WILMETTE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION PLAYER'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Wilmette Baseball Association expects players to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. The following list represents a limited set of guidelines for conduct.

- ❑ I will be respectful and courteous to umpires, coaches, players, parents and fans;
- ❑ I will not taunt, ridicule or argue with any umpire, coach, player, parent or fan;
- ❑ I will not use abusive or vulgar language;
- ❑ I will not engage in disruptive or inappropriate behavior;
- ❑ I will not hurt or attempt to hurt any other person;
- ❑ I will not throw my bat, batting helmet or any other piece of equipment.

As a **WBA Player**, I affirm that I have read, understand and agree to comply with the **WBA Code of Conduct**, including the guidelines summarized above. I understand my responsibilities and what may happen to me if I do not comply with the Code of Conduct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (Printed): _____ Team: _____

***This form must be turned in to the coach before Opening Day.**

PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

WILMETTE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION COACH'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Wilmette Baseball Association expects coaches to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. The following list represents a limited set of guidelines for conduct.

- ❑ I will be respectful and courteous to umpires, coaches, players, parents and fans;
- ❑ I will not argue with, taunt or ridicule any umpire, coach, player, or fan;
- ❑ I will not use abusive or vulgar language;
- ❑ I will not engage in any disruptive or inappropriate behavior;
- ❑ I will not engage in or encourage any practice that would endanger the well-being of any other person.
- ❑ I understand that the WBA has told its umpires that they are not to reverse any judgment call (e.g., ball or strike, safe or out, fair or foul) based on arguments made by coaches or fans.

As a **WBA Coach**, I affirm that I have read, understand and agree to comply with the **WBA Code of Conduct**. I understand that the failure to comply with any provision of the Code of Conduct may lead to disciplinary action, including suspensions or expulsion from the program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (Printed): _____ Team: _____

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WILMETTE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

Wilmette Baseball Association expects parents and fans to behave in a sportsmanlike manner. The following list represents a limited set of guidelines for conduct.

- I will be respectful and courteous to umpires, coaches, players, parents and fans;
- I will not taunt, ridicule or argue with any umpire, player, coach, parent or fan;
- I will not use abusive or vulgar language;
- I will not engage in any disruptive or inappropriate behavior;
- I will not engage in or encourage any conduct that endangers others;
- I will not drink alcoholic beverages at games or practices;
- I understand that the WBA has told its umpires that they are not to reverse any judgment call (*e.g.*, balls or strikes, safe or out, fair or foul) based on arguments made by coaches or fans.
- I will obey the "24-hour Rule" – No discussions with coaches about any coaching decision until at least 24 hours after the game has ended.

I affirm that I have read, understand and agree to comply with the Code of Conduct Policy of the WBA. I understand that the failure to comply with any provision of the Code of Conduct may lead to disciplinary action, including suspensions or expulsion from the program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (Printed): _____ Team: _____

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SANCTIONS

1. If, in the sole judgment of an umpire or league official, an individual violates any provision of the WBA Code of Conduct, the umpire or league official may either:

- (i) issue a warning; or
- (ii) issue a warning and impose an “automatic out” penalty on the offending individual’s team; or
- (iii) if the conduct is sufficiently serious, eject the individual from the game, or the program.

2. If an individual receives a warning and then commits a second violation in the same game, the umpire or league official will eject the individual from the game.

3. If an individual is ejected from a game, he or she will not be allowed to attend a WBA game for a period of two weeks from the date of the ejection.

4. If an individual is ejected from a game a second time, he or she will be expelled from the WBA program and barred from attending any further games.

REVIEW

1. If an umpire or coach reports any violation of the Code of Conduct, a WBA Committee will review the relevant facts and determine whether any further action (including sanctions) is appropriate.

VIOLATION	FIRST OFFENSE	SECOND OFFENSE (same game)
Taunting, ridiculing or arguing with an umpire, coach, player or fan	Either (i) a warning; or (ii) a warning plus an “automatic out” penalty; or (iii) ejection from game or program (depending on severity of conduct)	Ejection from game or program
Using abusive or vulgar language	Either (i) a warning; or (ii) a warning plus an “automatic out” penalty; or (iii) ejection from game or program (depending on severity of conduct)	Ejection from game or program
Throwing equipment or any other object	Either (i) a warning; or (ii) a warning plus an “automatic out” penalty; or (iii) ejection from game or program (depending on severity of conduct)	Ejection from game or program
Engaging in disruptive or inappropriate behavior	Either (i) warning; or (ii) a warning plus an “automatic out” penalty; or (iii) ejection from game or program (depending on severity of conduct)	Ejection from game or program
Conduct that endangers others	Ejection from game or program (depending on severity of conduct)	