

PARKVILLE BASEBALL PROGRAM
PARENTS BASEBALL CODE OF CONDUCT
2007 SEASON

The Parkville Recreation Baseball Association has set goals and during the year will try to teach the children the importance of sportsmanship, friendship, respect for the referee and the opposite team as well as their own team members.

Our goals are to:

- Create an environment in which children and adults can have fun with baseball at all levels of talent and ability
- Teach baseball skills, rules and strategy to our players.
- Model and teach competitiveness with an emphasis on good sportsmanship and appropriate behavior attitude.
- Prepare each player for advancement to the next level of competition
- Promote self-esteem among the players.

WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM THE PLAYERS?

- To be on time for all practices and games
- To always do their best whether in the field or on the bench
- To be cooperative at all times and share team duties
- To respect not only others, but themselves as well.
- To be positive with teammates at all times
- To not to become upset at their own mistakes or those of others. We will all make our share this year and we must support one another.
- To understand that winning is only important if you can accept losing, as both are important parts of any sport.

WHAT CAN YOU AND YOUR CHILD EXPECT FROM YOUR COACHING STAFF?

- To be on time for all practices and games
- To be as fair as possible in giving equal playing time to all players
- To do our best to teach the fundamentals of the game
- To be positive and respect each child as an individual
- To set reasonable expectations for each child and for the season
- To teach the players the value of winning and losing
- To be open to ideas, suggestions or help from others
- To never shout at any member of the team, the opposing team, or umpires. Confrontation will be handled in a respectful, quiet and individual manner.

WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM YOU AS PARENTS AND FAMILY?

- To come out and enjoy the games. Cheer to make all players feel important.
- To let the coaches run the team
- To not question the coach's leadership. All coaches are volunteers and not professional baseball players.
- **Do not shout at the coach, the players or umpires. We are all responsible for setting positive examples for our children. We must be role models in society today. If we eliminate negative comments, the children will have an opportunity to play without unnecessary pressures and will learn the value of good sportsmanship.**
- No tobacco or alcohol use

Finally, don't expect the majority of children playing little league baseball to have strong skills. We hear all our lives that we learn from our mistakes. Let's allow them to make their mistakes, but always be there with positive support to lift their spirits.

These rules will help make our job easier but also set an example for the children.

A ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY will be enforced for the following actions:

- Arguing with the officials
- Willful damage to the equipment
- Physical/verbal abuse

SIGNATURE Parent/Guardian _____ **Date** _____

PLAYER'S NAME _____ **AGE GROUP** _____

