

SEATTLE PONY BASEBALL & SOFTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND PARENT CODES OF CONDUCT

Parents, players and coaches are required to follow the Leagues' Code of Conduct. **Players or parents** who violate these rules may be disciplined at the game and/or required to appear before the Board of Directors. Violations may result in a variety of consequences, including player suspension and parental bans.

Code of Conduct for Players

- Rules: I understand that I need to learn and abide by the League rules, which includes this Code of Conduct and any other rules my coach imposes on the team, and especially bat use and other safety rules;
- Sportsmanship: I will show good sportsmanship in my practices and games, and will encourage my teammates, coaches and parents to do the same.
- Respect: I will show respect toward all coaches, players, umpires, league officials and fans. This means that I will not argue with the umpires or taunt or try to humiliate any other players. It also means that I will do my best to listen and learn from my coaches and accept their advice with respect.
- Commitment: I understand that it is important for me to show my commitment to my teammates and my coaches. I will do my best to be on time and attend all practices and games, and if I am not able to attend or if I am going to be late, I will let my coaches know as soon as possible so that they can properly plan for my absence.
- Behavior: I will not use profanity or other offensive language. I will not hit, push, shove or otherwise try to physically harm any of my teammates, my opponents, or any other people involved in or watching my practices or games. I will not mistreat or mishandle any equipment (e.g. no throwing bats, gloves or helmets).
- Responsibility: I understand that I am responsible for what I say and what I do on and off the field.

Code of Conduct for Parents

- Participation: I will not force my child to participate in the League. I will remember that the reason for participating is to have fun and the game is for the kids, **NOT** the adults.
- Rules: I will learn the rules of the game and the League policies. I will ensure that my child also understands these rules, especially all bat use and other safety rules, and we all abide by them.
- Commitment: I understand that my child's coaches are volunteers who spend significant time and energy in planning practices and games. I also understand that baseball and softball are team sports and that my child owes his/her teammates the courtesy of consistent attendance and effort at practices and games. I will communicate with the coaches as soon as practicable any time my child will be unable to participate in, or will be late to, a practice or game. In addition, I understand that if my child is frequently absent from, or tardy to, games and/or practices, the

coaches have discretion to take action in support of the team ethic, such as by reducing my child's playing time in games or not rewarding such behavior with assignments to highly sought-after field positions.

- Medical and Emotional Well Being: I will inform the coach and/or the League of any disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- Support: I will always be supportive of my child, his/her teammates and coaches. After each game, I will have a positive attitude and show an appreciation for my child's, and the team's, effort.
- Conduct: I will respect the umpires and their authority during games and will never question, discuss or confront coaches at the game, and will take time to speak with coaches later at an agreed upon time and place. I will never ridicule or yell at my child, another player or other participant for making a mistake.
- Sportsmanship/Respect: I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and umpires at every game and practice. I will not use any profanity or other offensive language. I will require that my child treat other players, coaches, umpires, league officials and fans with respect.
- Environment: I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- No Coaching: I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am one of the team coaches or asked to assist by the team coaches.
- Learning: I will encourage the learning and development of the kids as athletes and members of our community. To that end, I will emphasize commitment, effort, development, sportsmanship and respect.

Please Support your child's team and the League by volunteering your services when needed.

We have read, understand and agree to abide by the Seattle PONY Baseball & Softball League Code of Conduct.

Signature of player

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date