

MYBA's Parent Code of Conduct

The Minneapolis Youth Baseball Association (MYBA) has certain conduct expectations of all of the parents of players participating on MYBA teams. These conduct expectations apply to parents of all players regardless of age group or team level (AAA, AA and A). MYBA's expectations regarding parent conduct apply equally at practices, games and tournaments. A parent who fails to adhere to the behavioral expectations set forth below may jeopardize his or her child's continued participation in the MYBA organization. In certain circumstances, a parent's conduct may result in a child's suspension or removal from a team. Decisions to suspend or remove a player from a team because of a parent's behavior must be approved by the MYBA Board before the decision becomes final. The procedures regarding this type of decision is described further in the MYBA Baseball Handbook, available for review and/or downloading on the MYBA Website.

Minimum Expectations

Set forth below are the minimum expectations for the parents of each player in the MYBA organization. Please read these expectations carefully. If you have any questions regarding these rules, please address them with the Head Coach of your child's team or bring them to the MYBA Board. (Typically, the MYBA Board meets the first Monday of every month.)

After you have read the expectations below, please sign this form. Your signature indicates that you have read and understand these expectations and that you will abide by them. Your signature also indicates that you understand that your failure to comply with these rules will have consequences.

Games and Tournaments

1. During games, I will be respectful of the umpires and the calls they make regardless of their affect on my child's team. **Hence, I will not question or argue umpire calls at anytime for any reason. ALSO**, no constant criticism of umpire calls behind the backstop, arguing, taunting, verbal abuse, physical contact. The only interaction a parent may have with an umpire is polite conversation or questions relative to the game in general without regard to specific instances on the field.
2. During games, I will be respectful of the players on the other teams. No taunting, verbal abuse, etc.
3. During games, I will treat my child's teammates and the coaches respectfully. No taunting, verbal abuse, etc.
4. During games, I will be respectful of the fans of our team and our opponents.No taunting, verbal abuse, etc.
5. During games, I will not enter the dug-out to advocate for my child's playing time, or express criticisms of the coaching staff, the players on the team, including my own child.**General**

1. I will not use profanity or vulgarity when observing practices or games.
2. If I have concerns about the way in which my son is being treated (e.g., playing time issues, position issues, general treatment issues, etc.), I will address these issues with the coaching staff, but I will not do so during or immediately after a game. **I will observe the 24 hour rule**, in which I wait reasonable period of time to gain the most mature perspective possible before discussing the situation with the coach. If I am not comfortable addressing the issues referenced above with the coaches, I will notify one or more of the members of the MYBA Board of my concerns. I will try to do so promptly after the issue has arisen, recognizing that delays in sharing these concerns prevents the MYBA organization from responding meaningfully to the issues I identify.
3. If I observe my son's failure to adhere to the rules delineated in the **Player's Code of Conduct**, or if a coach on his team alerts me to violations of the Player's Code of Conduct by my son, I will discuss these issues with my child. I will help him understand that his failure to adhere to the rules set forth by MYBA could have negative effects on his participation on his MYBA team.

I have read and understand the expectations and rules set forth above. I recognize that my failure to comply with these rules may adversely affect my son's ability to participate in the MYBA organization.

I recognize that parents (as well as coaches and players) may be suspended or permanently dismissed from MYBA participation. The MYBA Board shall decide upon parent suspension or dismissal in its absolute and sole discretion. The MYBA Board may elect to take all, some, or none of the following actions in regard to a parent under review for improper behavior:

- Verbal Warning
- Written Warning
- Practice(s) and / or Game(s) Suspension
- Season Suspension
- Permanent dismissal from MYBA

(I understand that these actions may or may not be taken in a progressive manner. The MYBA Board reserves the right to select and apply any penalty depending upon the situation.)

Parent's Name (Please print)

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Date: _____