

MYBA's Player Code of Conduct

The Minneapolis Youth Baseball Association (MYBA) has certain conduct expectations of all of the players participating on MYBA teams. These conduct expectations apply to all age groups (9 - 15) and all team levels (AAA, AA and A). MYBA's expectations regarding player conduct apply equally at practices, games and tournaments. A player who fails to adhere to the behavioral expectations set forth below may be disciplined by his team's coaching staff and/or the MYBA Board.

Discipline may include the following:

1. Suspension from a team; and in certain circumstances, removal from a team. The decision to remove a player from a team will be made by the coaching staff in conjunction with the MYBA president, but also must be approved by the MYBA Board before it becomes final.
2. Removal from a game, preclusion from participating in one or more games, and/or tournaments
3. Reduced playing time

Minimum Expectations

Set forth below are the minimum expectations for each player on each team. Please read these expectations carefully. If you have any questions regarding these rules, please address them with the Head Coach of your team or request your parents to discuss them with the Head Coach. 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.

Practices

1. I will attend all practices, follow the reasonable directives of the coaching staff, and work hard to improve my baseball skills.
2. I will act maturely, pay attention, and not engage in any horseplay that causes the coaches to spend disproportionate amount of time attending to disciplinary matters. First infraction is a warning; second infraction player is sent home. Third is subject to dismissal.
3. If I am unable to attend the team's practices, I will contact the coaching staff prior to the practice to let them know I will not be able to attend. (Absences from practices will be excused if attributable to illness or injury, school commitments, church commitments, Family or other exigent circumstances.)
4. During practices I will treat my teammates and the coaches respectfully, just as I would expect to be treated. No taunting, no cliques, no character assassination permitted.

Games and Tournaments

1. During games, I will be respectful of the umpires and **will not question or argue umpire calls at anytime for any reason.** The only interaction a player 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, teasing, harassment, verbal abuse, physical violence.
3. During games, I will treat my teammates and the coaches respectfully, providing positive encouraging feedback, never negative or ridiculing
4. During games, I will be respectful of the fans of our team and our opponents.

General Behavior

1. **Cyber-bullying** – With the rise of kids using social media networks, namely facebook, MYBA recognizes both the positive and negative effects of such activities by players and their impact on player relationships and team chemistry.
 - a. MYBA defines cyber-bullying as MYBA players using social media to incite, tease, harass, taunt or threaten a fellow MYBA player. In the event a MYBA player, parent or coach recognizes a documented instance of cyberbullying on the part of MYBA player
 - b. MYBA players may use social media networks for positive social dialouge, sharing photos, links, videos provided they have parental permission to do so.
2. I will not use profanity or vulgarity when participating in practices or games.
3. I will not abuse the equipment belonging to me personally, my teammates, or issued to our team by the MYBA organization (no throwing helmets, bats, etc.).
4. I will not engage in careless or negligent conduct that endangers my teammates, coaches, fans, or others (e.g., swinging a bat without first determining that no one else is around me).
5. I will not engage in any physical conduct toward my teammates or coaches, umpires, fans, or opponents or their fans (e.g., no hitting, punching, kicking, etc.). I will also not practice or play in games in a manner that is likely to cause physical injuries to others.

I have read and understand the expectations and rules set forth above. I recognize that my failure to comply with these rules may result in discipline, up to and including removal from a MYBA team. I understand that additional information regarding the topics set forth above is presented in the MYBA Baseball Handbook, which is available on the MYBA Website.

Player's Name (Please print): _____

Date: _____

Player's Signature:
