

**Berlin Youth Baseball and Softball
Code of Conduct
Player Agreement**

It is the policy of Berlin Youth Baseball and Softball (BYBS) that its members shall conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike and positive manner when representing BYBS at games, tournaments, practices, and other related activities. BYBS members are defined as players, coaches, trainers, parents, guardians, and other BYBS supporters.

BYBS will not tolerate behavior which brings BYBS, a team, or a game into disrepute. BYBS believes the attitude shown by players towards coaches, umpires, and the opposition, as well as the proper perspective of the importance of winning versus losing, are of paramount importance. Inappropriate comments or actions by individual players undermines the essence of competition and introduces stresses which are inappropriate for other children.

Players:

Players will demonstrate sportsmanship on and off the field. This includes exercising self-control, graciously accepting the outcomes of games, and treating **all** players and fans with courtesy and respect.

Players will demonstrate respect for all players and coaches. Profanity, violence, back talk, and abuse of any nature will not be tolerated. Derogatory language, including that directed at a person's race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, or physical appearance, will not be tolerated.

Players will **demonstrate unwavering respect for umpires.** Insulting comments, arguing, gestures, and profanity directed at umpires will not be tolerated.

Players will positively represent BYBS on and off the field, at games, practices, tournaments and any other BYBS events.

Players performing in illegal or immoral acts that become detrimental to BYBS will not be tolerated and are cause for removal from BYBS.

Players will understand the rules of the game based upon their age and level of competition.

Players will work hard and participate at both practices and games.

Players, in coordination with their parents/guardians, will notify their coach (in a timely manner) regarding absences from practices, games, and tournaments.

Players will positively represent BYBS in their posts, photos and comments made on social media. Players will model good sportsmanship on and off the field. Keep the comments on the sidelines positive, remind other teammates, if needed, and accept reminders from others if they occur. Social media posts are also a part of showing good sportsmanship, please refrain from targeting specific coaches, umpires, parents, or other teammates in a negative way. Profanity, violence and abuse of any nature will not be tolerated. Derogatory language, including that directed at a person's race, color, religion, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national origin or physical appearance, will not be tolerated.

By checking the box, I acknowledge I have been read and understand the Code of Conduct for Berlin Youth Baseball and Softball. I agree to abide by these guidelines. I understand that if I exhibit behavior issues, I may receive discipline such as additional running or conditioning, and repeated issues may result in me sitting out of the current practice or game. I understand that if I do not follow this Code of Conduct, I (including my parent and supporters) will be asked to leave the BYBS activity (such as a game or practice), may result in myself getting suspended (for future activities), and/or may require me to withdraw from the program.

Player Signature

Date