

BTBA PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Bloomington Traveling Baseball Association (BTBA) has implemented the following Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read, understand, and sign this form prior to their children participating in BTBA.

- I will remember that children participate in sports for fun and learning and the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the Metro Baseball League.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, umpires, and spectators, at every game, practice, or other sporting event. I will keep cheering positive.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any umpire, coach, opposing player, or grounds crew. This includes booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility, violence, or profanity.
- I will require that my child treat other players, coaches, umpires, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and for trying hard.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a game.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices how they will benefit my child.
- I will respect the umpire's judgement and the coaches and their authority during games. I will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will accept winning or losing with dignity.
- I will require a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
- I will fully support the try-out process and will let my child know that the important aspect of youth sports is to have fun, learn and grow in the sport.
- I will not state to my child any negative thoughts or statements regarding other teammates, coaches, or parents. I will fully support each member of my child's team to promote a positive learning environment.
- I will not act either intentionally or unintentionally in any manner that is detrimental to BTBA and its Mission.

By signing below, I agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned Code of Conduct I could be subject to disciplinary action. The BTBA Board has at their sole discretion the right to determine penalties thereof.

Parent signature: _____ Date _____

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This form must be signed/dated before your child can participate in BTBA.