



PARENT & GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

Introduction

The success of the Saints Baseball program depends on the commitment of everyone in the organization including parents and guardians. Like the coaches and players, parents and guardians are also expected to uphold standards and expectations of the program. Those standards and expectations for parents and guardians are expressed below.

General Standards

- The player registration payment is non-refundable regardless of whether a player leaves voluntarily or is dismissed.
- The Saints Baseball program reserves the right to release any player for reasons including but not limited to the following:
 - Absenteeism
 - Poor attitude, work ethic, and/or coachability
 - Lack of sportsmanship by player and/or their family
 - Severe or gross misconduct outside of Saints Baseball activities
- Parents and guardians should report directly to the head coach of the child's team before bringing a question and/or concern to the Saints Baseball Board of Directors.
 - To discuss a concern, communicate with the head coach to schedule a meeting that does not interfere with a practice or game. This meeting should happen at least twenty-four hours after the situation of concern occurred.

Behavior & Ethics Standards

- Abide by all rules and regulations of the program and those of participating leagues, tournaments, and national associations.
- Serve as a positive role model for your child and others by demonstrating fair play, sportsmanship, and encouragement. Hold those around you to the same expectation.
- Support efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth sports activities. Kids pick up on negative talk and actions.
 - Show respect towards the coaching staff, players on your child's team, and fellow parents as well as league officials, tournament directors, umpires, and opponents at all times regardless of the circumstance and situation.
 - Do not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of anyone. This includes verbal or physical threats and fighting.
 - Positive encouragement. Do not ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or for losing a game.
 - Negative comments or ridicule of another player, family, coach, etc. through social media is not tolerated.
 - No use of profanity.
- Help your child work toward skill improvement
- Acknowledge that it is the decision of the coaching staff regarding playing position(s), playing time, etc. depending upon the age level and team designation.
- Refrain from the use of alcohol and/or drugs before, during, or in-between any games as well as prior to practices.

Game & Practice Standards

- Ensure your child arrives properly equipped and on time.
 - If your child will arrive late to a practice/game or is unable to attend, please communicate that to the head coach.
- Do not give instructions to players. (Allow coaches to manage the team and individual players.)
- Refrain from dugout visits.
 - During games, parents are asked to remain a good distance away from the dugouts unless asked by the coaches.
 - Players are instructed not to talk to their parents and spectators while a game is in progress.

Rule Enforcement

These standards and expectations are in place to ensure the quality development of each individual player and team overall while maintaining the integrity of the organization. Parents and/or guardians violating these standards and expectations will be reprimanded in the following manner depending upon the specific situation:

- Formal written warning issued and documented
- Suspension from attending practices, games, and/or tournaments
- Termination from Saints Baseball program

Ultimately, violations will be handled by a combination of the head coach, board of directors, and age group representative where applicable and necessary. However, the board of directors has the right to bypass the above process and administer any such disciplinary action depending upon the severity of the violation.