

# West Raleigh Baseball Association

## Parents' Code of Ethics

I hereby pledge to provide positive support, care and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parents' Code of Ethics:

I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.

I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of my personal desire to win.

I will insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.

I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being youth sports coach and that the coach upholds the West Raleigh Baseball Coach's Guidelines.

I will support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.

I will remember that the game is for youth – not adults.

I will do my very best to make youth sports fun for my child.

I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.

I will help my child to enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, or providing transportation.

I understand that if I display poor sportsmanship, whether during or following a game, I will be subject to partial or permanent program suspension.

Unsportsmanlike conduct is defined as, but not limited to the following:

1. Harassment of participants or officials
2. Use of profane language and / or gestures
3. Public threats or physical violence

Regulations regarding adult's ejection or suspension will follow the guidelines listed below:

1. I understand that if I am asked to leave a game, I will be suspended from attending the next game to be played by my son's / daughter's team.
2. I understand that if I am asked to leave a second game during any one season, I will not be allowed to attend all the remaining regular season games and the end of season tournament activities.
3. I understand that the West Raleigh Baseball Committee will review all adult ejections or suspension and may extend any suspension beyond what is stated above as deemed appropriate for the offense.

I understand that any suspension may be appealed by using the following process:

The suspended individual (parents, guardians of a player) should submit in writing a detailed account of the incident to the appropriate league commissioner within 48 hours of the incident. The statement should give names of any witnesses that observed the incident. The league commissioner then will perform a preliminary investigation and make a recommendation to the West Raleigh Baseball Committee.

## **Sports Priority and All Star Selection Conduct Agreement**

I understand that my child's youth sports priority this season is West Raleigh, except for school baseball, and if my child misses a West Raleigh game or is limited in the manner in which he participates in a West Raleigh game (e.g., pitching) because of my child's participation in a non-West Raleigh team, program, work out session, etc. (except for school baseball), then my child may be disqualified from potential all star selection and/or play, or other sanctions may be issued.

I understand that if I attempt to influence the all star selection process in any manner, my child may be disqualified from potential all star selection and/or play, or other sanctions may be issued. Examples of prohibited conduct include but are not limited to:

1. Asking any league official, including a head or assistant coach of any team, whether my child will make an all star team, what his/her chances are to make a team, what he/she or anyone else can do to better my child's chances of making a team, etc.
2. Asking any coach to alter my child's playing time, position, spot in the batting order, etc. for the purpose of influencing my child's potential for all star selection.

I understand that if I have any questions relating to All Stars, they should only be directed to the All Star Commissioner.

I understand that the West Raleigh Baseball Association Board of Directors shall have sole discretion regarding fact finding, decisions regarding disqualification and sanctions.

I have informed my spouse and/or any other guardian of my child about this Code of Ethics.