

Sycamore Youth Baseball Code of Conduct



The goal of Sycamore Youth Baseball is to ensure that its members (players, parents, coaches, officials) have a positive baseball experience by consistently maintaining the highest standards of sportsmanship and ethical behavior. To accomplish this goal, the SYB Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Conduct.

It is understood that by registering to participate in the league, you, your fans, and associates agree to abide by the Rules as outlined in this document while on the playing or practice field or at any SYB-sanctioned event.

PLAYERS

Players SHALL:

- Display good sportsmanship at all times
- Follow the direction of the coaching staff
- Respect all coaches, players, league officials, umpires, and spectators
- Make every attempt to be on time and ready to play for all games and practices
- Be responsible for removing his/her litter and the litter of his/her fans from the playing/practice field

Players shall NOT:

- Use foul or obscene language or gestures
- Engage in physical altercations of any kind
- Argue with Umpires, especially balls and strikes
- Abuse or mistreat SYB equipment
- Throw any object in a show of temper
- Argue with or show disrespect to coaches
- Display discourtesy to opposing players, coaches, or fans

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PARENTS/SPECTATORS

Parents and Spectators **SHALL:**

- Be positive role models
- Assist the coaches, players, and league by volunteering their services when/where needed
- Display and instill in all players the principles of good sportsmanship and team play
- Conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players
- Make sure that their children show respect for all other players, coaches, umpires and spectators
- Treat ALL players, coaches, umpires and spectators with respect
- Comply with the decisions of League Officials
- Support the rules, regulations and bylaws established and endorsed by SYB
- NOT question an umpire's call
- Be drug and alcohol free while at any SYB event
- Guarantee that their child is on time and ready to play for all games and practices
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Parents and Spectators **SHALL NOT:**

- Use foul or obscene language or gestures
- Engage in physical altercations of any kind
- Argue with or abuse Umpires in any way
- Throw any object in a show of temper or disgust
- Argue with or show disrespect to coaches, players, or other parents
- Abuse any substances
- Display discourtesy to opposing players, coaches, or fans

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Coaches

All Coaches must remain unconditionally supportive of the SYB commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority and others. The coaches shall remain sensitive to the physical and emotional well-being of the players on his/her team and of the players on the opponent's team.

Coaches SHALL:

- Be positive role models – on and off the field
- Instill in their players the principles of good sportsmanship and team play
- At all times, enforce the Code of Conduct as it applies to Self, Players, and Spectators
- Conduct themselves on and off the field in a manner that best serves the interests of the players and the league
- Honor his commitment to each and every player on his team to teach the game of baseball to the best of his ability. This commitment demands that the coach be: knowledgeable about the game (skills training, rules, etc.), fair in his assessment of ability and assignment of field positions
- Continue in his quest to develop his skills as a coach and mentor to his players though attending training clinics and skill sessions – either league sponsored or otherwise
- Be fully prepared for practice and games
- Ensure that in winning or losing, the utmost in respect and good sportsmanship is displayed
- Endeavor to share training skills with other coaches
- Treat ALL players, parents, spectators, coaches, and League Officials with respect
- Provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive
- Continue the opportunity for player instruction throughout the season by holding practices on game bye days, off-nights, or weekends
- Comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policies, and procedures as established by SYBL
- Be responsible for the care and well-being of players and SYB equipment entrusted to their care
- Be drug and alcohol free
- Not use tobacco products in the dugout or on the playing field

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Coaches SHALL NOT:

- Tolerate behavior from players, coaches, or spectators that endangers the health and well-being of a child
- Use foul or obscene language or gestures
- Engage in physical altercations of any kind
- Argue with Umpires
- Abuse or mistreat SYB equipment
- Throw any object in a show of temper
- Argue with or show disrespect to any coaches, players or spectators
- Display discourtesy to opposing players, coaches, or spectators
- Intentionally lie to or mislead a game official to gain an advantage
- Instruct a player to hit a batter or base runner with a thrown ball
- Instruct a player to spike or otherwise attempt to injure another player
- Use drugs or alcohol before or at an SYB event
- Use tobacco products in the dugout or on the playing field

Conduct deemed detrimental to Sycamore Youth Baseball will be considered a violation of the Code of Conduct. It is the responsibility of the players, coaches, parents, and League Officials to enforce the Code of Conduct by informing the League Commissioners and President in writing of any questionable conduct.

In the event of a report of a Code of Conduct violation to a league official, the Executive Committee shall investigate the complaint and take appropriate action, including a written response to the reporting party at the conclusion of the investigation and review. All written reports of Code of Conduct violations shall be investigated and responded to within 7 days of receipt of the complaint.

Violations of the Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action from the league, including, but not limited to, censure, suspension, revocation of league privileges, or ejection from the league. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for investigating and enforcing the League rules, including the Code of Conduct, bylaws, and constitution.

SYB reserves the right to suspend/relieve any coach of his duties before the Code of Conduct review by the Executive Committee.

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Code of Conduct Rules Specific to Player/Coach Ejection

If a player, head coach, or assistant coach is ejected from a game, the umpire and the ejected party will email the League Commissioner or President to explain the ejection.

The ejected party shall NOT be allowed to participate in ANY games until the Executive Committee has met to conduct a review of the ejection.

The Executive Committee shall interview the ejected party and the umpire who issued the ejection, allowing each to present their side.

Based on the Executive Committee's findings, a vote shall be held to determine whether a suspension shall be imposed.

Minimum lengths of suspensions shall be as follows, and will be determined by the Executive Committee:

- Ejected from one game – 1 game suspension
- Ejected from the second games – 3 game suspension
- Ejected from third game – ejection from league

Consent

By participating in Sycamore Youth Baseball you agree to adhere to the Code of Conduct.