

Nether Providence Baseball & Softball

Rules of Conduct for Coaches, Parents and Players

PARENTS PLEASE READ BACK PAGE BEFORE SIGNING

COACHES

1. I will be a model for good sportsmanship.
2. I will teach with patience.
3. I will commit to take the time and effort to help children improve.
4. I will never blame an umpire for a loss.
5. I will address lack of sportsmanship with children and parents.
6. I will provide a fun, positive learning experience.
7. I will encourage inclusion on the team; draw in quiet player(s).
8. I will obey player participation rules.
9. I will recognize success.
10. I will take time to learn and improve my coaching skills.
11. I will show the children I care about their performance via my enthusiasm and hard work.
12. I will demonstrate courtesy to the other team by not running up the score.

Coaches Signature: _____

PARENTS

1. I will model good sportsmanship.
2. I will expect commitment from your children.
3. I will allow coaches to coach.
4. I will support my child's team, coach and players.
5. I will only make positive comments from the sidelines.
6. I will not harass children from the sidelines.
7. I will not interact with the umpire(s) at any time.
8. I will make an effort to have my child attend all practices as well as games.
9. I will make an effort to attend games.
10. I will encourage my child to practice at least a few times per week.

Parent(s) Signature: _____

PLAYERS

1. I will show good sportsmanship.
2. I will not criticize other players.
3. I will show respect to teammates, coaches, umpires and opponents.
4. I will attend practices and strive to improve.
5. I will understand that all sports are team games; teams that play and work as a team are most likely to win.
6. I will strive for excellence.
7. I will be aware that winning, competitive spirit and teamwork go together.

Player Signature: _____

GUIDELINES FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION FOR PARENTS AND COACHES

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide parents and coaches with procedures to follow in the event that there is a belief that the **NPAA Baseball Rules of Conduct** are violated or a coaching issue cannot be resolved. The overriding goal of the guidelines is for parents and coaches to serve as role models for children concerning the resolution of issues or conflicts.

If a parent or coach has a complaint, he or she should proceed according to the following sequence:

1. The first step is for the parties to resolve the conflict via person-to-person dialogue. Directly, discreetly and respectfully seek out a discussion with the party concerned. This discussion should take place privately, after all children leave the field. Assistant coaches should attend if appropriate.
2. Coaches must document the issue/complaint and send it to the league president, vice-president, and league commissioner. If step one does not resolve the issue, the parties concerned should contact the league commissioner to serve as a mediator.
3. If this mediation is not successful in resolving the conflict, the parties and the league commissioner should bring the issue to the NPAA Baseball Board President or Vice President. A three member panel on the NPAA Baseball Board will have responsibility for a final resolution, which will be provided within 72 hours.

In the event of a fine imposed by an organization or league due to conduct of a coach or player, the following is NPAA Baseball Policy:

1. A coach or player receiving a fine for the first time, NPAA will pay the fine and take any other appropriate action.
2. In the event of a second fine, the coach or player will be asked to pay the fine and to resign from the team for the remainder of the season.
3. If a coach or player would like to be reinstated or have a review of the imposed fine, a coach or player would need to bring the issue to the NPAA Baseball Board. A 3-member panel on the NPAA Baseball Board will have responsibility for a final resolution.

In the event a player or parent violates the Rules of Conduct, and is ejected from the game or asked to leave the field by either the umpire or team coach, the following is NPAA Baseball Policy:

1. The offending player or parent will be suspended for one game and will not be permitted to attend the next game.
2. A second occurrence will result in a 3 game suspension. If this occurs at the end of the regular season, the suspension will carry over to the playoffs.
3. A third occurrence will result in that player and or parent being suspended for the remainder of the season, including all playoff games.

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