



## **2019 ITHACA YOUTH BASEBALL & SOFTBALL**

### **Code of Conduct**

The following Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Ithaca Youth Baseball organization to promote sportsmanship, fairness, teamwork, good citizenship, responsibility, and respect among the members of the Ithaca Youth Baseball organization.

Players will learn these values by the examples they see from those around them, and to this end, the following rules shall be strictly enforced:

- Parents and players shall remember that Ithaca Youth Baseball coaches and Board members are volunteers.
- Coaches shall display and instill in their players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Coaches shall support the policies and processes set forth by the Ithaca Youth Baseball Board of Directors and shall neither undermine any Director or League Coordinator at any time prior to, during, or after the season.
- Coaches shall conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of all players.
- Coaches shall do their best to provide the players with a positive experience.
- Players and coaches shall respect Ithaca Youth Baseball equipment. This also applies to facilities and fields owned by Ithaca Public Schools as well as those facilities owned by other host organizations, teams, and schools.
- Verbal abuse of an official, coach, player, or spectator, including obscene gestures, by any coach, player, or spectator will not be tolerated. The offender may be removed from the Ithaca Youth Baseball / Softball function at the discretion of an umpire or an Ithaca Youth Baseball Board member.
- Coaches, players, and spectators shall not argue with umpires. Coaches, players, and spectators shall not complain about perceived bad calls to players and fans.
- Baseball is a game of interpretations, and as a result, disputes will occur from time to time. However, it is important that players learn respect. All disputes that are taken up with the umpire shall be handled in a civil manner. Coaches, only, may initiate such discussions with an umpire. Coaches shall conduct themselves with decorum and once the umpire has made his/her final ruling, the coach shall make no further field protest. Off-field protests may be logged with the Board of Directors and may be discussed with the league commissioner.

- All discussions shall be held in conversational tones. Under no circumstances shall a coach, fan, or player yell at an umpire, coach, fan, or other player.
- Booing, heckling, taunting or ridiculing another player (on any team) is not acceptable behavior. Refusing to shake another coach's and/or player's hand after a game will not be tolerated.
- Profanity is expressly forbidden at all times at Ithaca Youth Baseball & Softball functions (home and away).
- The use of tobacco products and alcohol at Ithaca Youth Baseball & Softball functions, and in the dugouts, is strictly prohibited.
- Parents and players shall complete their duties to the Ithaca Youth Baseball organization including, but not limited to, (1) putting forth their best effort to make it to practices and games, (2) helping with concessions at home games and tournaments, and (3) helping with all organizational fundraisers.

Anyone removed from Ithaca Youth Baseball functions must leave all fields, access roads, and parking lots immediately.

Any infraction of the above rules will result in a report being delivered to the Ithaca Youth Baseball Board of Directors for consideration of further action, as appropriate. Depending upon the severity of the infraction, penalties may include player single-game suspensions, multiple-game suspensions, seasonal suspensions, or permanent expulsion from the Ithaca Youth Baseball organization.

I have read, understand, and agree to the above stated Code of Conduct of Ithaca Youth Baseball. I agree to be bound by its provisions.

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Parent/Guardian signature

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Date

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