

Code of Conduct

BGRA Youth Baseball League Code of Conduct for Players, Parents and Coaches

The goal of BGRA is to assure that its members (players, parents, coaches, Umpires) have a positive baseball experience through maintaining the highest standard of sportsmanship and ethical behavior at all times. To accomplish this goal, a Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Board of Directors of the League.

It is understood that by registering to participate in the league, you, your fans, and associates agree to abide by the Rules as set forth in this document while on the playing or practice field or at any League 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 removal of 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
- Abuse or mistreat equipment
- Throw any object in a show of temper
- Argue with or show disrespect to coaches
- Display discourtesy to opposing players, coaches, or fans
- Use Social Media to disrespect a player, coach, team, spectator, or umpire.

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 BGRA
- NOT question an umpire's call
- Be drug and alcohol free while at any BGRA event
- Guarantee that their child is on-time and ready to play for all games and practices

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
- Use Social Media to disrespect a player, coach, team, spectator or umpire.

Coaches

All Coaches must remain unconditionally supportive of the BGRA 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 practices 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, procedures as established by BGRA
- Be responsible for the care and well-being of players and equipment entrusted to their care
- Be drug and alcohol free

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 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 prior to or at a League event
- Use tobacco products in the dugout or on the playing field
- Use Social Media to disrespect a player, coach, team, spectator or umpire.

Conduct deemed detrimental to BGRA League 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 Directors 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 Disciplinary Committee shall investigate the complaint and take appropriate action. 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.

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 ejected party will communicate to the League Director, Umpire Coordinator, VP of Umpires and President via email why there was an ejection.

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

The Disciplinary Committee shall interview the ejected party, along with the umpire who executed the ejection, allowing each to present their side.

Based upon the findings of the Disciplinary Committee, a vote shall be taken to determine if there shall be a suspension.

Recommended lengths of suspensions shall be as follows:

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

Note: The above suspensions are recommended, and may be increased based upon the severity of the infraction at the discretion of the Disciplinary Board, and the Executive Board, if necessary.

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Signing and returning this last page acknowledges that we have actually read the BGRA Code of Conduct contained on the previous 4 pages, and understand that any violation of the Code could result in suspension, revocation of league privileges, or ejection from the league. Both player and parents are to sign this sheet, and agree to its provisions.

Name of Player (print) Team League Season 20

_____/_____/_____
Player Signature Date

_____/_____/_____
Parent Signature Date

_____/_____/_____
Manager Signature Date