FAIR HAVEN BASEBALL

CODE OF CONDUCT

Fair Haven Baseball (FHBB) is a volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to teaching the fundamentals of baseball while stressing the meaning of good sportsmanship, leadership, responsibility, and teamwork. To ensure a positive environment for all, the following Code of Conduct applies to all players, parents, coaches, and spectators.

I. PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

Players are expected to work toward excellence, support their teammates, and respect the game.

- **Sportsmanship:** Players must exhibit good sportsmanship toward teammates, opponents, coaches, and parents at all times.
- **Respect for Authority:** The decision to disqualify a player from a game is the decision of the umpire; players must respect these decisions without argument.
- **Teamwork:** Winning should never become more important than teamwork. Players are encouraged to overcome mistakes and look forward to the next opportunity.
- **Attendance:** Attendance is mandatory. Players are expected to be on time for practice and arrive at least 60 minutes early for games.
- **Zero Tolerance:** Drugs and alcohol are forbidden on the field or in the spectator area during all games and practices.

II. PARENT & SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS

Parents play a vital role in the success of the league by modeling positive behavior.

- **Support & Trust:** Parents are asked to trust that coaches are making decisions best for the team. Coaching from the sidelines is discouraged so players can focus on their coaches and teammates,.

- **The "24-Hour Rule":** Parents must wait 24 hours before addressing a coach regarding any anger or frustration. Never address a coach while in the presence of your child.
- **Sideline Behavior:**
    - Parents are required to remain seated in the bleachers away from the dugout.
    - Only positive cheers and words of encouragement are appropriate.
    - Criticism or arguments with umpires will not be tolerated.
- **Conflict Resolution:** If a parent exhibits a lack of sportsmanship toward players, coaches, umpires, or other parents, their child may be excluded from consideration for Travel teams.

III. COACHES & TRAINERS

Coaches are the face of the program and must set the standard for behavior.

- **Role Models:** Coaches and trainers are expected to act responsibly and set a good example for young players at all times.
- **Safety & Welfare:** All decisions must be guided by the safety and welfare of the players.
- **Conduct:** If a coach indulges in unsportsmanlike conduct, the FHBB officers shall take appropriate action in the best interest of the organization.

IV. DISCIPLINE & CONSEQUENCES

Failure to adhere to this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action.

1. **Warnings & Removal:** Umpires have the authority to disqualify a coach or player. A warning is generally given prior to removal from the game or playing field.
2. **Board Review:** If a coach or player is disqualified, the Board will review the circumstances to decide if a further penalty is warranted.
3. **Dismissal:** Not adhering to the rules of the organization may constitute dismissal of any member upon approval of the majority of the Board members.