

LAKESHORE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

CODE OF CONDUCT AND EXPECTATIONS OF PLAYERS, COACHES AND PARENTS

BEHAVIOR THAT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED:

1. **Any deliberate attempt to physically injure a player, umpire, coach or spectator.** Such behavior will be grounds for dismissal of a player, coach, or spectator from the playing field during a game, or suspension from the next game if it occurs before or after a game or during a practice. Severe or repeated occurrences will be grounds for longer suspensions, up to and including the full season.
2. **Use of foul, obscene, insulting or abusive language directed at a player, coach, umpire or spectator.** Such behavior will be grounds for dismissal from the field during a game, or suspension from the next game if it occurs before or after a game or during a practice. Repeated occurrences will be grounds for longer suspensions, up to and including the full season
3. **Demeaning, belittling or ridiculing any player, coach or game official.** Such behavior will be grounds for a warning initially, followed by removal from a game or dismissal from the field for continued misconduct. Repeated violations will be grounds for suspension, up to and including the full season.

EXPECTED BEHAVIOR:

PLAYERS ARE EXPECTED TO:

1. **Contribute** to their teams to the best of their ability.
2. **Cooperate**, listen to and obey the coaches and umpires.
3. **Be supportive** of their teammates and respectful of the players on opposing teams.
4. **Be on time** for games and practices.

COACHES ARE EXPECTED TO:

1. **Make playing baseball an enjoyable experience** that will leave their players looking forward to next season.
2. **Set an example** of sportsmanship for players and their parents.
3. **Support and encourage** their players to develop their baseball skills to the best of their ability.

PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO:

1. **Assist the coaches** with practices and games. The more help the coaches have, the more that can be accomplished and the more fun the kids will have. Many practice drills can be run by parents having no particular baseball skills.
2. **Provide**, at a minimum:
 - **A team manager** - The team manager contacts players about scheduling changes and cancellations, passes out schedules and other information, distributes and collects uniforms, and generally removes much of the administrative burden from the coaches. This function may be shared by several parents.
 - **A scorekeeper** - Keeps score at games.
 - **A "bench monitor"** - Helps the coach keep order on the bench during games.
3. **Attend games** and cheer for their teams.
4. **Get their children to games and practices on time**, and let the team manager know as far in advance as possible when their children must miss a game or practice.
5. **Support the coaches.**
6. **Encourage their children** to meet the expectations of players set out above.