

SWBBL PARENT / SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

Southwest Baseball League has developed this Parent/Spectator Code of Conduct so that everyone; parents, family, friends, players and coaches may enjoy watching and participating in youth baseball. It is important to always keep in mind that the game is for YOUTH – NOT ADULTS; and as such you should place the emotional and physical well-being of your child ahead of your personal desire to win.

If you are not a "good sport" at the games, the kids will not be either. This should be self-evident. If you set a pattern of being a bleacher loudmouth who likes to yell and scream at the umpire, coach or opposing team, do not be surprised when your child starts copying your behavior. At the least you will embarrass your child and the other team parents/members. People will talk negatively about you and you will have only yourself to blame.

Treat all participants with respect, being positive and constructive at all times. Do not use abusive language or actions, and control your anger and emotions at all times. As a parent and/or spectator do not ridicule, criticize or demean players, coaches, opponents or umpires.

I AND MY GUESTS PLEDGE THAT:

I will let the coach be the coach and will respect the coach's decisions. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

I will respect the coaches and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak calmly and reasonably with coaches after the game or at an agreed upon time and place.

I will remember that all coaches are volunteers who are sacrificing their own time to help my child learn and play. So, I will give them a well-deserved salute, especially when the team has not fared well that day.

I will respect the opponent and avoid any confrontation with opposing players, spectators or coaches. I will cheer positively providing encouragement for *members of both teams*. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, player, or parent, such as booing and taunting or using profane language or gestures.

I will not purposely attempt to distract or confuse players of the opposing team by my yelling, noisemaking or cheering. I will allow the players to play ball without outside interference.

I will let the umpires be the umpires. I will treat all umpires with respect, recognizing that baseball rules involve judgment. I will not openly criticize the umpires during the course of the game. I will remember that the umpires are people too, and they do their very best to make correct calls and judgments, and they do care about getting the call correct. Sometimes though, they may get it wrong, and I realize it is just part of the game.

I will take time to learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.

I will not smoke or use tobacco related products, drink alcoholic beverages, be drunk at the fields.

If I have concerns about players, coaches, umpires, fields or any other aspect of SWBBL, I will direct them to my team coaches or a member of the Board of Directors of SWBBL, away from the field.

The SWBBL Board of Directors reserves the right to remove any parent or spectator from the SWBBL Baseball fields (Cloudview fields) for violation of the above stated Code of Conduct for Parents and Spectators. I realize any violation of these rules could affect my participation or my child's participation in Southwest Baseball League.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE KIDS PLAYING BASEBALL AND OF SWBBL.