

Portland Youth Baseball League

Parent Code of Ethics

The Portland Youth Baseball League Board of Directors is committed to providing a positive youth baseball experience for our players, parents, coaches and fans. We will at all times promote an environment where all players get a chance to play in each game with an emphasis on teaching character, athletic and social skills, sportsmanship and a positive attitude. Our coaches will be expected to teach and lead by example, where winning and losing are part of the game but the emphasis will be on learning and fun.

**As a parent of a child in the Portland Youth Baseball League I hereby agree to the following:**

1. I will remember that children participate in baseball to have fun and that the game is for the kids, not the adults.
2. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
3. I (and my guest) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, umpires and spectators at every game and practice.
4. I (and my guest) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any umpire, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting: refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
5. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a game.
6. I will respect the umpires and their authority during games and will not question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed time and place. (24 hour rule)
7. I will demand an environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all events.
8. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches on the team.
9. I will make sure my child is on time for all practices and games and I will make sure my child is picked up on time if I do not stay. I will communicate with my coach any problem that may come up that have to do with dates, times or conflicts of transportation.

I understand that I will be asked **NOT** to attend any practice, game, or any other function related to Portland Youth Baseball, the Board of Directors discretion, for serious violations of any of the above.

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Players Name Date Print Parent/Guardian Name Date