

## **Foxboro Youth Baseball and Softball Association Code of Conduct**

*Foxboro Youth Baseball and Softball Association ("FYBSA") has established this Code of Conduct ("The Code") to advance the principles of sportsmanship and fair play and to promote mutual respect among players, coaches, umpires and spectators*

*The Code shall govern the actions of players, coaches and spectators. The Code is intended to provide behavioral guidance and establish clear expectations for all involved. The Code cannot address every possible behavioral circumstance; however, it shall serve as FYBSA's standard for behavioral evaluation.*

*It shall be the obligation of all program participants, spectators and volunteers, to comply with the terms and provisions of the Code. Any person violating the Code shall be subject to administrative action, up to and including termination of his/her privilege to participate in, or attend, any or all sponsored activities.*

### **Managers and Coaches:**

Managers and Coaches (collectively "Coaches") shall unconditionally support FYBSA's commitment to good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority. Likewise, Coaches shall remain sensitive to the physical and emotional wellbeing of the players on his/her team and must adhere to the following:

- Coaches will be positive role models.
- Coaches will display and instill in their players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Coaches will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players.
- Coaches will do their best to provide the players a positive experience.
- Coaches will ensure that winning and/or losing teams do so in a manner which exhibits respect and good sportsmanship.
- Coaches will treat all umpires, players, parents, spectators and league officials with respect.
- Coaches will provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive.
- Coaches will not tolerate behavior that endangers the health or wellbeing of a child.
- Coaches will comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policy and procedure as established or endorsed by Foxboro Youth Baseball.
- All Coaches must supply a completed CORI form to the League Director.
  - The results of the CORI checks will be reviewed by the Board of Directors who has the right to disqualify any individuals from managing or coaching.

## **Parents & Spectators:**

Parents and Spectators shall support the players, Coaches, umpires and league officials. Parents and Spectators shall not "coach" or "officiate". Parents and Spectators must adhere to the following:

- Parents and spectators will be positive role models.
- Parents and spectators will display and instill in all players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.
- Parents and spectators will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players.
- Parents and spectators will do their best to provide the players a positive experience.
- Parents will make certain that their children show respect for all other players, Coaches, umpires, officials and spectators.
- Parents and spectators will not ridicule or demean.
- Parents will inform the coach of any disability or ailment that may affect the safety of their child.
- Parents and spectators will treat all players, Coaches and umpires fairly and with respect.

## **Players**

Players **shall**:

- Display good sportsmanship and team play 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.

Players **shall not**:

- Use abusive or profane language.
- Taunt or humiliate any other player.
- Question an umpire's call.
- Abuse, mistreat or mishandle any FYBSA equipment or property (e.g., throwing batting helmets, bats, etc.).

## **Zero Tolerance towards Umpires**

*Please remember our umpires are children and/or volunteers. Please adhere to the following regarding Umpire policy and procedures:*

FYBSA's goal is to use children ages 12 and older to umpire regular season games. Under no circumstances may a Coach, player or parent be abusive or attempt to coerce a decision made by the Umpire. If there is a disputed call the managers from both

teams and the umpire shall meet behind home plate and discuss the ruling. Strikes and balls may not be questioned. Under no circumstances shall a Coach ask for a meeting unless he or she is filling in for the manager for that game. FYBSA has a zero tolerance policy in the Code of Conduct. If a Coach, player or parent ejected from a game by an umpire, that person will be automatically suspended for the following game and actions will be discussed and reviewed by the Disciplinary Committee and Umpire in Chief. If a second incident happens then it will be an automatic suspension for the rest of the season. If said person wishes to be reinstated for the following season, a meeting with the Board of Directors will be needed and all sides will be heard.

### **Manager/Coach Affirmation**

By signing this affirmation, I am confirming that I have received and read the FYBSA Code of Conduct (“The Code”). Additionally, I affirm that I will comply with The Code, and I will encourage players and parents/spectators to comply with The Code.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_