

Saukville Youth Baseball Code of Conduct

PLAYER Expectations

- Play for FUN!
- Work hard to improve your skills. I will never throw balls or swing bats unless a coach is supervising the activity.
- Be a team player - get along with your teammates.
- Be on time for practices and games.
- Players will wear my uniforms and practice attire properly.
- I will control my emotions at all times. I will be a player that will think and then act, not the other way around. I will not throw my helmet, bat, glove, or anything in the dugout.
- Treat all officials, coaches, your teammates, parents and opposing players with respect. If I have nothing positive to say, then I won't say anything at all! Never argue with the official's decision.
- I will not participate in swearing, name-calling, or razzing other players. I understand this includes chants or chatter to frustrate the other team. Even if the other team is razzing us, I will not get involved in this type of activity.

PARENT Expectations

- Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- Do not yell at players, coaches or officials. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit. Please read all rules governing your child's league in which they play in prior to questioning any coach or umpires.
- Parents/ Adults in the stands are expected to act as role models by demonstrating the same sportsmanship behavior expected of our athletes.
- Only players participating in the game, officials, coaches and scorekeepers are allowed in the dugout area before, during and after the game. Permission to enter into a dugout must be approved by the head coach.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are very important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.
- If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about the game, and volunteer!

COACH & VOLUNTEER Expectations

- Will be a positive role model for the players and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, as well as by demonstrating positive support for all players, parents, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event. Maintain an open line of communication.
- Recognizing the differences of each child and treating each player as an individual while demonstrating concern for their individual needs and well being. Be alert to the physical safety of players. Safety is # 1 Priority!
- Adjust to personal needs and problems of players, be a good listener, never verbally or physically abuse a player or official; give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence and develop self-esteem; teach them the basics.
- Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Remember players are involved in baseball or fun and enjoyment.
- I will be on time and be prepared for games and practices, thereby setting an example for my team.
- Be generous with your praise when it is deserved; be consistent, honest; be fair and just; do not criticize players publicly; learn to be a more effective communicator and coach, don't yell at players.
- Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players. Familiarize yourself with the rules and regulations set forth by the league, techniques and strategy of baseball; encourage all your players to be team players.
- Coaches & Volunteers will not smoke, chew tobacco products, drink alcoholic beverages, or use profanity or any illegal substance on the baseball fields in the presence of the baseball teams during the progression of scheduled league games and practices.

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Dear Parents, Players, Coaches and other Volunteers,

Saukville Youth Baseball firmly believes that for the sports experience to be positive, safe and a learning experience for players, players, volunteers, and coaches must be held accountable for their behavior. Every Player, Parent, Volunteer and Coach is required to sign and adhere Saukville Youth Baseball's Code of Conduct.

It is the duty of the League Heads and/or Saukville Youth Baseball Committee at Large to respond to complaints against any player, parent, volunteer, or coach that has allegedly violated the Saukville Youth Baseball Code of Conduct.

Possible Actions

Possible Actions for violating the Saukville Youth Baseball Code of Conduct include:

1. Warning to and/or apology
2. Probation
3. One game suspension
4. Multiple game suspension
5. Season suspension
6. Permanent suspension

Communication Protocol

1. If a parent/coach has a question or concern about the program, they should address the question or concern with their athlete's coach/parent first.
2. Please make sure to check the rules governing the league and SYB Code of Conduct prior to questioning any concern.
3. In the event that a parent/coach feels uncomfortable addressing the concern with the coach/parent directly, the parent/coach should raise the matter with the appropriate league head for the division in which their child is playing.
4. If the coach/parent or league head is unable to satisfy the parent's/coach's question or concern, then the parent/coach should bring the matter to the attention of the SYB Committee at Large.
5. We suggest a complaint should not be expressed to a coach, head, or SYB Committee at large until 24 hours after situation. This suggestion provides cooling off and reflection time to the situation.