



PWYB/S CODE OF CONDUCT AND SPORTSMANSHIP

Our goal is to sponsor a program in which children learn baseball, softball, or fast pitch softball skills and strategy while having fun doing it. The most important lessons that the boys and girls will learn through PWYB/S are how to love the game, participate in a team sport, and learn to be a good sport, win or lose.

Good sportsmanship starts with **coaches and parents**. PWYB/S expects coaches, players, parents and spectators at all age levels to refrain from shouting negative comments to the players or coaches of either team or the umpires. Words of encouragement do far more to build skills, self esteem, and confidence than words that berate or belittle do. Anger is an emotion that has no place on our ball fields.

In summary, PWYB/S expects coaches, players, and parents to:

- Keep the game light and in perspective.
- Play fair; don't manipulate the game to increase the odds of winning.
- Refrain from running up the score or stealing bases when the game is in hand.
- **Respect the umpires!** Most often in our program, umpires are kids too and they may make mistakes. Before criticizing a call, think about if it were your child about to be berated by a bully parent. Also, don't attempt to influence the umpire by making the call yourself out loud a second before the umpire makes their decision.

PWYB/S is an organization of over 500 young people and their parents who are interested in promoting youth baseball and softball in the Port Washington community. The leadership of PWYB/S is a group of dedicated volunteers who want to make youth baseball a great experience for all players.

CODE OF CONDUCT

I will refrain from foul or obscene language or gestures.

I will refrain from physical or verbal altercations of any kind.

I will not argue with or abuse the umpire in any way. I will respect the integrity and judgment of officials, treating them with respect, even if I disagree with their decision.

I will not throw objects in a show of temper or disgust.

I will refrain from booing, taunting, trash talking or making any kind of derogatory remarks to our opponents during the game, especially comments of an ethnic or racial nature.

PARENTS

I will learn the rules of the game and policies of the league.

I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child by showing respect, courtesy and sportsmanship.

I will praise my child for competing fairly and doing their best.

I will not ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.

I will refrain from coaching my child or others during competition or practices unless I am an official coach for the team.

I will never question or confront coaches at the game field and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.

PLAYERS

I accept and understand the seriousness of my responsibility and privilege of representing my team and my community.

I will treat opponents like I would like to be treated. I will wish opponents good luck before the game and congratulate them following either a victory or defeat.

I will win with humility and lose with grace. I will do both with dignity and avoid excessive celebrating after a play or end of game.

I will not argue or show disrespect to coaches, parents, or other players.



I agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to a verbal warning by the league or game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file with PWYB/S.

Parent(s) Signature(s): _____

Date: _____

Player Signature: _____

Date: _____