



PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

I fully understand that my child's baseball experience in the CDBC competitive program is ALL ABOUT them! As a parent, if anything about this experience includes your self-image, your ego, your social status, or if you have any intention of "living your dreams through your child" then please stop reading this and we wish you and your child the best of luck with a different competitive baseball organization.

I am / we are the parent(s) of: _____
PRINT CHILD'S NAME

The following Parent(s)Code of Conduct has been set forth and approved by the CDBC to establish a minimum set behavioral expectations a parent of a CDBC player must follow:

1. I acknowledge that baseball is a game and meant to be fun and will keep that in perspective at all times.

Please help the CDBC provide a fun and enjoyable atmosphere and baseball experience for your child.

2. I understand that one of the goals of the CDBC is to ALWAYS be the classiest team on the field, in victory or defeat, and this includes the stands too.

The coach(s) will make every attempt to teach your child this goal -please make sure you are leading by example as well.

3. I will only talk about the other kids on the team-indeed, on both teams, in the same, manner I would want other parents to talk about my child.

This is the golden rule applied to sports. Think about what you are saying BEFORE you say it. There's never any place at a youth baseball game for derogatory,snide,or sarcastic comments towards other players, coaches, and umpires.

4. I understand that all coaches are volunteers who are sacrificing significant time and energy to help my child learn baseball.

So, please give them some well-deserved appreciation for their efforts. Avoid the "coach should have done this or that..." type of chatter from the stands - coaches make mistakes too but again they have committed great amounts of time so please give him a little courtesy and respect - they deserve it.

5. I agree to abide by the "24 hour Cool Down" rule.

If you wish to discuss a "troubling issue" with your coach, please give him the courtesy of 24 hours after an "event" before discussing. Cooler heads will always prevail.

6. I will give my child's coach the courtesy of directing any concerns or issues directly to the coach(s) and not to other parents, players and especially my child.

If the issue cannot be resolved with the coach, the parent may take it to the CDBC Executive Board for further evaluation and/or discussion.

7. I will remind my child that it is the effort that counts.

We know all kids want to win. That's a given. Be prepared to cushion your child's disappointment after a loss by pointing out that he played hard and put forth a tremendous effort, if applicable. We can learn much more through failure than success - the key to future baseball success, and Life, is to teach our children to NEVER QUIT.

8. I will make every attempt to avoid the post-game analysis.

When the game is over and your child climbs back into your car, avoid at all costs the detailed, excruciating, post-game analysis of everything he may have done wrong or discussing mistakes of coaches or other kids. The absolute worst time for "friendly criticism" is immediately after the game.

9. I will try to avoid the "living your dreams through your child" syndrome or "when I was your age" saga.

As parents we all want the best for our children but your son is his own individual and must figure out his path in Life, with guidance of course. In addition, we "think" we remember what we were thinking when we were our child's age - most of the time we really don't.

10. I agree to smile A LOT during my child's game.

Youth sports are about having fun, and because kids take their behavioral cues from you, try at least to look like you are enjoying yourself. Let your ACTIONS speak louder than your WORDS.

11. I understand that it would benefit me greatly if I took time to learn the rules of the game and USSSA rules. *United States Specialty Sports Association: <https://www.ussa.com/baseball/baseball-rules>*

12. I will make every attempt to ensure my child is on time for all practices/games and make every effort to attend them all.

Ensure he is dressed properly (and with shirts neatly tucked in and hat on straight) with the proper gear in their possession. The coaches are asked to have practice plans prepared ahead of time which may include certain players for specific drills or have time schedules for practices. If, for whatever reason, your child is unable to attend or will be late please give the coach the courtesy of letting him know as early as possible so that he may adjust the schedule accordingly.

13. I acknowledge that parents are not allowed to coach during practice or games unless the coach gives you permission or asks you to do so. Additionally, I acknowledge that there will be no interference nor over-riding of what the coaches are trying to do instructionally, and no "calling my child over to the fence" or "off the field" for any reason.

Please respect the coaches' efforts in trying to teach your kids the game of baseball. If your child has an individual (and qualified) instructor, then please inform the coach of what the instructor is trying to accomplish. Coaches are encouraged to work with techniques of different instructors but not if it interferes with team goals. The best situation is for the parent to "hand over your kid" to the coach when you drop them off and plan on them being "the coach's child" for a few hours.

14. I have been so informed that a large part of how my child improves is my responsibility outside of practice and games.

The difference for kids at this level is the amount of repetition that they get. You can help out tremendously by playing catch, throwing BP, hitting ground balls or finding an instructor who will do this in your place, if feasible. The one constant with players who make it to higher levels of baseball is that somewhere, sometime, someone spent time with them away from the field!

15. I am fully aware that if my "background chatter" of why my child is not a starter or receiving more playing time becomes a distraction to the team/coaching staff, the child may be asked to leave the team.

This is competitive baseball and not all players will get the same theoretical amount of playing time. While you may only have one child (unless twins...)on the field the coach has a whole team of kids and is focused on the welfare of the entire team, not necessarily just one player. He determines lineups, batting orders, playing time, etc. based on his evaluation of performance and effort from practice and games, as well as, which player(s) give the TEAM the best opportunity to compete. The coaching staff wants everyone to play and they will be as fair as possible for playing time.

16. I acknowledge that the following statement is included in the Coaches' Code of Conduct:

"The kids are Student Athletes and academics will be their top priority. Coaches shall ask for, and receive, report cards from players at least two times during the course of a season. Grades below a C average will result in the coach working with the parents, and teacher if necessary, to determine if the player is providing adequate effort. If the player is not providing the same effort in school as on the baseball field the coach shall discipline the player as he deems necessary and appropriate to "remind" the child of academic importance. Unsatisfactory conduct marks shall be subject to immediate discipline. In short, CDBC players shall be Leaders both on the field and in the classroom."

17. I acknowledge that the following statement is included in the Coaches' Code of Conduct:

"I promise to demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times and promote good sportsmanship to my players and parents. Furthermore, any player who demonstrates bad sportsmanship (ex: throwing items, talking to opposing players or teammates in disparaging manner or showing obvious disrespect to umpires, etc.) during the course of the game will be disciplined immediately, including but not limited, to being removed from the game or suspended for the next game. Common sense and baseball etiquette will be taken into account. Any coach that does not adhere to this policy must be able to provide a "reasonable" explanation to the Executive Board of the CDBC or be subject to discipline as well. "To win the game" will not be considered a "reasonable" explanation."

18. I understand that participation on a CDBC team is a privilege and not a right.

Playing time, batting order, field positions, etc. must be earned through performance and effort and is NOT A GUARANTEE.

19. I will demand from my child, that they be the BEST TEAMMATE that they can be. *Over the years CDBC has experienced, with regards to playing baseball, that players become better players and teammates when their parents support,praise, and encourage them consistently throughout the season. This lets them know you can always be counted on for unconditional love, regardless of the final score of a baseball game! Above all, be there for your kids.*

20. I am fully aware that as the parent of a CDBC player that all of the items mentioned above are not limited to just me, and that they extend to all family and friends that might attend practice and/or games with me.

It is your responsibility to inform family and friends, who are in attendance at practices and/or games with you, when their conduct is in violation of this Code of Conduct. If they can't/won't correct their conduct, we expect you to politely ask them to leave immediately.

As a parent or a legal guardian of a cdbc player, I agree to the above and understand what is expected of me, my guests and family. I understand that violation of the parental code of conduct, cdbc organizational rules and regulations, and/or established rules specific to my child's team can result in suspension or the dismissal of my child from their respective team.

I (we) have read the CDBC parent code of conduct?

Father/Guardian Name

Signature

Mother/Guardian Name

Signature

Date

If you are the child's guardian, please, very briefly explain child care role:

No player is permitted to take the field, whether at practice or in games, until both Parent and Player Codes of Conduct are acknowledged with signature / date and are on file with Head Coaches team records.

Head Coach is required to:

1. Keep original on file for entire season once received with signature(s) and dated
2. Forward a copy to CDBC Executive Board once received with signature(s) and dated CDBC requires new Parent(s) and Player Codes of Conduct be executed each season regardless of whether they are new or returning to the organization.