



## BASEBALL/SOFTBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

### PLAYERS

It is expected that players will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. This includes not only on the playing field, but the bench areas and parking lots as well.

1. Taunting an opponent will not be tolerated. This includes verbal taunts and hand or body gestures, etc. First Offense: Ejection From Game.
2. Players or Coaches may not use profanity. First Offense: Warning (Ejection left to umpire's discretion). Second Offense: Automatic ejection and possible suspension per league review.
3. Players may not make verbal threats to an opponent, coach, umpire or spectator. First Offense: Ejection, and possible suspension per league review.
4. Fighting will not be tolerated. First Offense: Ejection, and suspension. Length of suspension per league review.
5. Players will treat game officials with respect. Arguing of calls, throwing equipment, ignoring the umpire's instructions, or inappropriate gesturing will not be tolerated. First Offense: Warning (Ejection left to umpire's discretion). Second Offense: Automatic ejection and possible suspension per league review.

### COACHES

It is understood that coaches are role models for their players and will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. They are also ultimately responsible for the behavior of their bench personnel, including players and assistant coaches. Coaches will also be asked to take responsibility for the conduct of their spectators. An umpire, at their discretion, may ask a coach to intercede with specific instances. Coaches are expected to assist the umpire with any request to intercede with specific instances or spectators.

1. Coaches will address umpires in an appropriate manner. Arguing of calls is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. First Offense: Warning. Second Offense: Warning (Ejection left to umpire's discretion). Third Offense: Automatic ejection and possible suspension per league review.
2. Coaches are to refrain from the use of profanity. First Offense: Warning (Ejection left to umpire's discretion). Second Offense: Automatic ejection and possible suspension per league review.
3. Coaches may not address players on the opposing team in a negative fashion. First Offense: Warning (Ejection left to umpire's discretion). Second Offense: Automatic ejection and possible suspension per league review.

### SPECTATORS

Spectators are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. Cheering and positive encouragement are the only ways spectators are to express themselves during a game. Spectators are also expected to conduct themselves appropriately at the field and in the parking lots.

1. Spectators may not use profanity or make verbal threats. First Offense: Spectator will be asked to leave the field/area. Suspension from future games pending league review.
2. Spectators' harassment of umpires and league personnel will not be tolerated. First Offense: spectator must leave the field. If a spectator fails to leave the field/area, the coach may be ejected from the game and spectators will be asked to leave the field. Suspension from future games pending league review.
3. Spectators must control their children at all times. This includes before and after games. Children are spectators and must adhere to the same rules as all spectators.

### MISCELLANEOUS

- To the extent these standards and penalties are in conflict with the LJAL Baseball rules, the rules will prevail.

