

Brandon Valley Baseball Association

Code of Conduct

2009

Players, Parents & Coaches:

BVBA supports youth athletic activities that are governed by a sense of fun, fair play and sportsmanship. Each person associated with BVBA is responsible for his/her own behavior. Parents and coaches should be aware that children mimic adult behavior. Coaches or their designated representatives are responsible for their team, parents and spectators. Positive support for the team and all coaches is appreciated and expected. BVBA prides itself on the excellent conduct and sportsmanship of our players, coaches, parents and spectators.

Sportsmanship Behaviors that are expected of all our age levels are:

- 1) Supporting and pulling for your team without taunting the opposing team, coaches or parents.
- 2) Not throwing equipment after a potentially demoralizing play or official's call.
- 3) Sincere congratulatory handshake, win or lose, at the end of the game.

BVBA actively supports the game officials. They are sometimes faced with difficult decision which may be unpopular with one or both teams. Verbal abuse toward officials by players, coaches, parents or spectators could result in said individual being asked to leave the playing area (a coach may also be sent off for the poor behavior of his team's spectators). The officials will also have the authority to suspend play if a coach does not control his team or spectators. Therefore, you can see that positive encouragement is vital to the team's well being.

Players/Coaches/Parents/Spectators that are told to leave the playing area must leave immediately, out of sight of the playing area. He/She may be banned from attending games for one additional game or for a longer period of time if so determined by an inquiry of the Director of Baseball (DOB). The Head Coach is responsible for reporting any such instances to the DOB. The DOB may assess a one game suspension. Longer suspensions, or settlements of disagreements, will be decided by a majority vote in an emergency meeting of the voting members of the BVBA Board of Directors.

Alcoholic, illegal drugs, and/or tobacco products are banned from any Sponsored events by BVBA.

Parents who agree to their child _____ —print players name here— playing with BVBA, and players and coaches who agree to participate in sports for BVBA accept the rules and regulations as stated above and agree that all actions must lead to the successful fulfillment of the objectives. Remember that the players, coaches and officials will make mistakes, but the games are merely games which our children are playing for enjoyment and to learn their chosen sport. We can still be competitive without crossing the line of unacceptable behavior. We must not lose sight of the fact that our children will follow our example and we should act accordingly.

Remember: We are all representatives of BVBA! To meet BVBA eligibility rules, the Code of Conduct must be signed and returned to BVBA DOB (through your coaches) prior to your first game.

TO THE PLAYERS, PARENTS & COACHES:

We and our child have read and thoroughly acquainted ourselves with the BVBA Code of Conduct. We understand the consequences of not following both the spirit and the letter of these rules.

Player's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Coach's Signature _____ Date _____