

## **Kentwood Baseball & Softball League**

### **Code of Conduct**

The Kentwood Baseball & Softball League Enforces the following Code of Conduct during all League activities to ensure a healthy and enjoyable environment for all participants. Any parent or spectator exhibiting inappropriate behavior during KBSL activity, in the judgement of League Officials, may be asked to leave the complex. Repeat violations may result in a suspension from future activities.

Parents should read and understand the following expectations upon registering their child in the League.

#### **1. Be respectful to those around you**

- *Players*
  - Remember that children participate to have fun and the game is for youth, not adults.
  - Be a positive role model for players by modeling sportsmanship and courtesy to Coaches, Umpires and opponents and require your child to treat those individuals with respect as well.
  - Never publicly ridicule or yell at any Player for making a mistake.
  - Praise your child for their effort and successes in each game. Stress that winning is not the most important part of the game and help them not to feel defeated by a loss. Emphasize the benefits of skill development and practice.
- *Coaches*
  - Refrain from coaching your child or other Players from the sidelines.
  - If you would like to help coach, offer your assistance to the Head Coach.
  - Do not question or confront a Coach during or immediately after a game or at any time that you are especially angry. Take the time to speak rationally with the Coach at an agreed upon time.
- *Umpires*
  - Take the time to learn the rules of the game and the League. Official KBSL rules are available on our website.
  - Respect the difficult job Umpires perform and do not publically question the calls they make. Treat youth Umpires in the manner you would want others to treat your own child.
  - Never confront or criticize an Umpire at any time. Any concerns about an Umpire's performance should be directed to a Head Umpire, in a rational and constructive manner.
- Never engage in or encourage any unsportsmanlike conduct such as booing/taunting, refusing to shake hands, or knowingly breaking a rule.

**2. Do not use profanity.** Anyone heard using profanity on KBSL grounds will be immediately asked to leave, with no exceptions.

**3. Do not smoke on KBSL grounds.** KBSL is a smoke free environment at all times.

**4. Do not consume alcohol on KBSL grounds OR attend KBSL activities while intoxicated.**

**5. Do not bring your dog onto KBSL grounds, regardless of size.** For the safety and comfort of all players and spectators, and in compliance with our facility rental agreements, any guest with their dog will be asked to take the pet home immediately. (Working service animals are, of course, welcome.)