

BASEBALL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION CODE OF ETHICS AND SPORTSMANSHIP FOR PLAYERS, COACHES, SPONSORS, AND PARENTS / GUARDIANS HONORING THE FOLLOWING:

- a) Show sportsmanship and respect for the opponent at all times.
- b) Show sportsmanship and respect for game officials at all times.
- c) Know, understand and appreciate the rules of the game of baseball.
- d) Exercise and maintain self-control at all times when participating in all BPA baseball games.
- e) Place the emotional and physical well-being of participants ahead of the desire to win.
- f) Treat all participants as individuals remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for all the age groups.
- g) Provide a fun and safe playing environment for all participants.
- h) Exhibit proper and ethical behavior while interacting with players, coaches, umpires, league officials and parents/guardians at practices and games. Understand that the use of foul or abusive language is strictly prohibited.
- i) Know and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries.
- j) Demonstrate fair play and sportsmanship to all participants, officials and parents.
- k) Provide a sports environment for all teams that is free of drugs, tobacco or alcohol within the confines of the playing field and refrain from their use at all BPA baseball events.
- l) Treat each player, opposing coach, umpire, league official and parent/guardian with the utmost respect and dignity.
- m) Remember that we are a youth baseball coach and/or a baseball parent and that the game of baseball is for the youth players and not for the adults.
- n) Enjoy the BPA baseball experience by doing whatever is necessary on being a respectful fan, and especially assisting and supporting all the coaches, umpires and officials involved in BPA baseball.
- o) Be reasonable in demands on the players and all participants remembering that the player(s) are not miniature professional baseball players.
- p) Importantly, accept victory with humility and defeat with grace. Be neither boastful nor bitter.