

Code of Conduct and Concussion Acknowledgement

DTAA Sports

Code of Conduct for Players, Parents and Coaches

The goal of the DTAA Youth Baseball/Softball is to assure that its members (players, parents, coaches, and officials) have a positive baseball/softball experience through maintaining the highest standard of sportsmanship and ethical behavior at all times. To accomplish this goal, a Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Board Members of the Association.

It is understood that by registering to participate in the association, you, your fans, and associates agree to abide by the Rules as set forth in this document while on the playing or practice field or at any DTAA sanctioned event.

To help ensure the health and safety of young athletes, CDC developed the HEADS UP Concussion in Youth Sports initiative to offer information about concussions to coaches, parents, and athletes involved in youth sports. The HEADS UP initiative provides important information on preventing, recognizing, and responding to a concussion. All players, parents, and coaches must go to <http://www.cdc.gov/headsup/youthsports/index.html> or review the links below prior to signing this form.

Players SHALL:

- Display good sportsmanship at all times
- Follow the direction of the coaching staff
- Respect all coaches, players, league officials, umpires and spectators
- Make every attempt to be on-time and ready to play for all games and practices
- Be responsible for removal of their litter and the litter of their fans from the playing/practice field
- Review the Concussion Fact Sheet for Players <http://my.lfiles.com/00081185/Fact-Sheet-for-Athletes.pdf>

Players shall NOT:

- Use foul or obscene language or gestures
- Engage in physical altercations of any kind
- Quit on the team
- Argue with Umpires
- Abuse or mistreat any equipment
- Throw any object in a show of temper
- Argue with or show disrespect to coaches
- Display discourtesy to opposing players, coaches, or spectators

Parents and Spectators SHALL:

- Be positive role models
- Display and instill in all players, the principles of good sportsmanship and team play
- Conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players
- Make sure that their children show respect for all other players, coaches, umpires and spectators
- Treat ALL players, coaches, umpires and spectators with respect

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- Comply with the decisions of the Association
- Support the rules, regulations and bylaws established and endorsed by the Association
- Be respectful of the officials umpiring the games
- Be drug and alcohol free while at any DTAA youth baseball/softball event
- Make an attempt to have your child on-time and ready to play for games and practices or communicate with the coach when not possible
- Review the Concussion Fact Sheet for Parents <http://my.lfiles.com/00081185/Fact-Sheet-for-Parents.pdf>

Parents and Spectators SHALL NOT:

- Use foul or obscene language or gestures
- Engage in physical altercations of any kind
- Argue balls/ strikes or abuse umpires in any way
- Throw any object in a show of temper or disgust
- Argue with or show disrespect to coaches, players, or other parents
- Abuse any substances
- Display discourtesy to opposing players, coaches, or spectators

All Coaches must remain unconditionally supportive of the DTAA commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage, and respect for authority and others. The coaches shall remain sensitive to the physical and emotional well-being of the players on their team AND the players on the opposing team.

Coaches SHALL:

- Be positive role models — on and off the field
- Instill in their players the principles of good sportsmanship and team play
- At all times enforce the Code of Conduct as it applies to self, players, and spectators
- Conduct themselves on and off the field in a manner that best serves the interests of the players and the Association
- Honor commitment to each and every player on the team to teach the game of baseball/softball to the best of their ability. This commitment demands that the coach be: knowledgeable about the game (skills training, rules, etc.), fair in their assessment and ability and assignment of field positions
- Be fully prepared for practices and games
- Ensure that in winning or losing, the utmost in respect and good sportsmanship is displayed
- Endeavor to share training skills with other coaches
- Treat ALL players, parents, spectators, coaches, and Association Officials with respect
- Provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive
- Continue the opportunity for player instruction throughout the season by holding practices on game bye days, off-nights or weekends
- Comply with the decisions of DTAA officials and observe all rules, policies, procedures established by the Association or affiliated League
- Be responsible for the care and well-being of players and DTAA equipment entrusted to their care
- Be drug and alcohol free

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- Review the Concussion Fact Sheet for Coaches <http://my.lfiles.com/00081185/Fact-Sheet-for-Coaches.pdf>

Coaches SHALL NOT:

- Tolerate behavior from players, coaches, or spectators that endanger the health and well-being of a child
- Use foul or obscene language or gestures
- Engage in physical altercations of any kind
- Argue with umpires
- Abuse or mistreat DTAA equipment
- Throw any object in a show of temper
- Argue with or show disrespect to any coaches, players or spectators
- Display discourtesy to opposing players, coaches, or spectators
- Intentionally lie to or mislead a game official to gain an advantage
- Instruct a player to hit a batter or base runner with a thrown ball
- Instruct a player to spike or otherwise attempt to injure another player
- Use drugs or alcohol prior to or at an Association event

Conduct deemed detrimental to the DTAA will be considered a violation of the Code of Conduct. It is the responsibility of the players, coaches, parents, umpires to enforce the Code of Conduct by informing the Board Members and President in writing, of any questionable conduct.

In the event of a report of a Code of Conduct violation to an Association official, the Board Members shall investigate the complaint and take appropriate action, including a written response to the reporting party at the conclusion of the investigation and review. All written reports of Code of Conduct violations shall be investigated and responded to within a reasonable time frame of the complaint.

Violations of the Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action from the league, including, but not limited to, censure, suspension, revocation of Association privileges, suspension of travel activities, or ejection from the Association. The Board Members shall be responsible for investigating and enforcing the Association rules, including the Code of Conduct, bylaws, and constitution. DTAA reserves the right to suspend/relieve any coach of their duties prior to the Code of Conduct review by Board Members.

Code of Conduct Rules Specific to Player/Coach ejection

If a player, head coach, or assistant coach is ejected from a game, the umpire and ejected party will communicate to the board members or President via email why there was an ejection. The ejected party shall NOT be allowed to participate in ANY games until the Board Members have met to conduct a review of the ejection.

The Board Members shall interview the ejected party, along with the umpire who executed the ejection, allowing each to present their side. Based upon the findings of the board members, a vote shall be taken to determine if there shall be a suspension.

Recommended lengths of suspensions shall be as follows:

- Ejected from one game — 1 game suspension
- Ejected from second games — 3 game suspension

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- Ejected from third game — ejection from Association

Note: The above suspensions are recommended, and may be adjusted based upon the severity of the infraction.

By signing below you agree to the above stated Code of Conduct and Reviewed the Concussion Fact Sheets set forth by DTAA.

Signature / Printed Name

Date