



AI Parent Code of Conduct

I pledge to provide positive support, respect, and encouragement for my child, as well as the other players and adults involved in the league, by adhering to the following rules of conduct:

- I will praise my child and his/her teammates for competing fairly and trying hard, and I will remind them that winning is less important than learning resilience and improving baseball/softball skills.
- I will encourage my child to be gracious in victory and dignified in defeat.
- I will help the team by making sure that my child arrives for all games and practices, and by letting the coach know in advance if my child will be absent.
- I will treat all participants (players and adults involved in the league) with the same respect that I want for my own child. I will not engage in unsportsmanlike conduct such as arguing, taunting, or criticizing the efforts of players, coaches, team managers or umpires by any means.
- I will be respectful of the coaches and managers. I will allow them to establish the team's goals and make decisions and control the game in accordance with those goals.
- If I have any serious concerns or complaints, I will arrange a private session with the head coach or team manager. Such concerns may not be discussed in a public forum such as a team e-mail distribution list. If a disagreement cannot be resolved, any party (parent, coach or manager) may ask the AI Board, in to resolve the matter; both parties will be expected to abide by the Board's decision. Formal complaints to AI must be filed in writing and signed before action will be taken.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for ALL players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sports events.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of personal desire to win.
- I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and the coach upholds AI's mission.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco and alcohol and will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth – not for adults.
- I will help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching or providing transportation.
- I expect my child to treat players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.

The Consequences: I understand that if I do not follow this Code of Conduct, I may be subject to one or more of the following consequences:

- When a parent does not adhere to this Code, AI holds it's coaches and managers accountable and empowers them to take necessary action. They have the authority to issue a warning or to ban from practices or games any parent who violates this Code. Such actions may take the form of a verbal or written warning. Documentation of all incidents will be kept on file by AI.
- Parents who are verbally abusive to coaches, managers, umpires, players or other adults involved in the league in a public setting will be removed from the practice or game. If the abuse occurs in another public forum such as text messaging, social media or an e-mail distribution list, the abusive parent will not be allowed to attend the next practice or game.
- Two violations of the code of conduct will result in dismissal of the offending parent from all practices and games. After three or more infractions, the parent will be asked to withdraw their child from the league for the remainder of the season. Reinstatement during a later season will depend on the outcome of a hearing before an Executive Committee composed of the AI President, the Coach and other AI Board members to be selected by the President.

I give permission for my child to be photographed or videotaped in sports events. I give permission for these photos to be used for posters, in newspaper articles, advertising and/or on the website as long as no personal information related to the child is disclosed

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/LegalGuardian: _____ Relationship _____