

## **PARENTS CODE OF ETHICS**

All parents are asked to sign the Parents Code of Ethics at the beginning of each season. It is the responsibilities of the coaches to have the parents of athletes participating on their teams read and sign the statement as noted below.

I hereby pledge to live up to the MAYBA Parents' Guidelines by following the listed code of ethics:

- I will provide positive support, care and encouragement of all players while participating in MAYBA traveling baseball.
- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sports event.
- I will place the emotional and physical well being of my child ahead of any personal desire to win.
- I will insist that my child play in safe and healthy environment.
- I will provide support for coaches and officials working with my child to provide a positive, enjoyable experience for all.
- I will demand a drug, alcohol and tobacco-free sports environment for my child and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for children and not for adults. I will do my very best to make the youth sports experience fun for my child.
- I will do my best to be responsible for the transportation of my child to all games and practices either by myself, or by making the needed arrangements with other parents or friends.
- I will ask my child to treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.
- I will promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience within my personal constraints by assisting with coaching, being a respectful fan, providing transportation or whatever I am capable of doing.
- I will be responsible for team issued uniforms and equipment. Failure to return any required uniform or equipment to the head coach will be the financial responsibility of the parents.

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Parent Signature

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Date

**PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS** Your child's participation in the Traveling Baseball program will require a significant contribution of your time and effort. Parents can contribute many things to support their child, team, and the program.

**Parents' Responsibilities** include:

- Let your child know you love him/her - win or lose.
- Compliment and encourage. Let the coach handle coaching and criticism.
- Coordinate your efforts to help your child's development with the recommendations of the coach.
- Support your coaches. Remember that they are responsible for many children in addition to your own.
- Allow the coach use the practice time for the team. Arrange to talk to the coach during non-practice time if you have concerns regarding your child's participation.
- Don't compare your child to other players. Be honest with yourself about his/her abilities.
- Regard each player on the team as your own.
- Keep negative comments to yourself. Express concerns to the coach (only) in a straightforward, fair, and objective manner.
- Teach your child to have fun and enjoy competition. Don't tell him/her that winning does not count because it does, and he/she knows it. Instead, help him/her to develop a healthy competitive attitude toward winning and losing.
- Follow the "Parents' Code of Ethics" supported and distributed by the MAYBA Board.
- Demonstrate and be a role model for good sportsmanship and proper behavior. Don't criticize officials/umpires, coaches, and other parents or players.
- Ensure the good sportsmanship and proper behavior of your children and your guests.
- Provide transportation/arrange for your child to attend all practices/games/team events. Offer to car pool with other parents.
- Inform the coach whenever your children will miss or be late for a practice or a game.
- Volunteer to assist the coach whenever possible.
- Volunteer your time and talents to make your team's tournament a success.

**Parents' Rights** include:

- Have your child treated fairly and with respect.
- Have your child practice and play in a safe and healthy environment.
- Have your child coached by effective and qualified adult leader.
- Have your child engaged in practicing and playing activities that increase his/her skill and enjoyment of the sport.
- To be fully informed by the coach with respect to schedules, team philosophies, policies, and your child's strengths and development opportunities.