

# Code of Conduct

## Sycamore Youth Baseball League Code of Conduct for Players, Parents and Coaches

The goal of Sycamore Youth Baseball League is to assure that its members (players, parents, coaches, officials) have a positive baseball 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 of Directors of the League.

It is understood that by registering to participate in the league, 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 League sanctioned event.

### Players

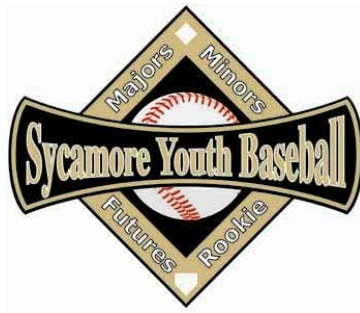
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#### Players SHALL:

- 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 his/her litter and the litter of his/her fans from the playing/practice field

#### Players shall NOT:

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



## Parents/Spectators

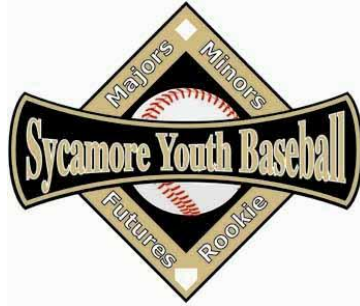
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### Parents and Spectators SHALL:

- Be positive role models
- Assist the coaches, players and league by volunteering their services when/where needed
- 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
- Comply with the decisions of League Officials
- Support the rules, regulations and bylaws established and endorsed by SYBL
- NOT question an umpire's call
- Be drug and alcohol free while at any SYBL event
- Guarantee that their child is on-time and ready to play for all games and practices

### Parents and Spectators SHALL NOT:

- Use foul or obscene language or gestures
- Engage in physical altercations of any kind
- Argue with 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 fans



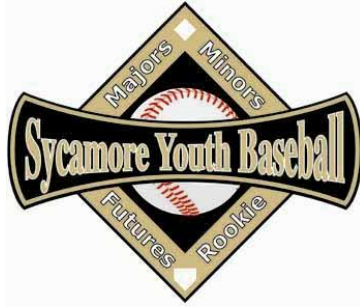
## Coaches

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All Coaches must remain unconditionally supportive of the SYBL 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 his/her team and of the players on the opponent's 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 league
- Honor his commitment to each and every player on his team to teach the game of baseball to the best of his ability. This commitment demands that the coach be: knowledgeable about the game (skills training, rules, etc.), fair in his assessment of ability and assignment of field positions
- Continue in his quest to develop his skills as a coach and mentor to his players though attending training clinics and skill sessions – either league sponsored or otherwise
- 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 League 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 league officials and observe all rules, policies, procedures as established by SYBL
- Be responsible for the care and well-being of players and SYBL equipment entrusted to their care
- Be drug and alcohol free
- Not use tobacco products in the dugout or on the playing field



### **Coaches SHALL NOT:**

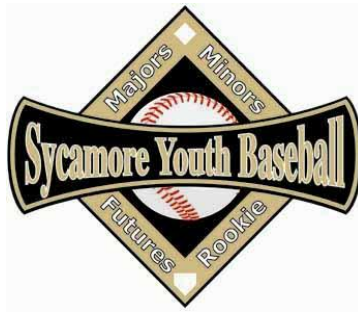
- Tolerate behavior from players, coaches, or spectators that endangers the health and well-being of a child
- Use foul or obscene language or gestures
- Engage in physical altercations of any kind
- Argue with Umpires
- Abuse or mistreat SYBL equipment
- Throw any object in a show of temper
- Argue 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 a League event
- Use tobacco products in the dugout or on the playing field

Conduct deemed detrimental to the Sycamore Youth Baseball League will be considered a violation of the Code of Conduct. It is the responsibility of the players, coaches, parents and League Officials to enforce the Code of Conduct by informing the League Commissioners and President in writing, of any questionable conduct.

In the event of a report of a Code of Conduct violation to a league official, the Executive Committee 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 7 days of receipt 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 league privileges, or ejection from the league. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for investigating and enforcing the League rules, including the Code of Conduct, bylaws, and constitution.

SYBL reserves the right to suspend/relieve any coach of his duties prior to the Code of Conduct review by Executive Committee.



## **Code of Conduct Rules Specific to Player/Coach ejection**

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If a player, head coach, or assistant coach is ejected from a game, the umpire and ejected party will communicate to the League Commissioner or President via email why there was an ejection.

The ejected party shall NOT be allowed to participate in ANY games until the Executive Committee has met to conduct a review of the ejection.

The Executive Committee 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 Executive Committee, a vote shall be taken to determine if there shall be a suspension.

## **Recommended lengths of suspensions shall be as follows:**

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- Ejected from one game – 1 game suspension
- Ejected from second games – 3 game suspension
- Ejected from third game – ejection from league

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

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