



QVSB Code of Conduct

We, Quaker Valley Softball and Baseball, have implemented the following Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents, coaches and others in supporting children in sports. Everyone involved in QVSB should read, understand and commit to abide by this form prior to their participation in our league.

Anyone guilty of improper conduct at any QVSB event will be asked to leave the sports facility and may be suspended from the following team event. Repeat violations may cause a multiple event suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attendance or participation.

Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness,
- Respect,
- Responsibility,
- Fairness,
- Caring, and
- Good Citizenship.

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force a child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
4. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for the players and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other QVSB event.
5. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
6. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
7. I will demand respectful treatment of other players, coaches, officials and spectators regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
8. I will teach players that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that they will not feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
9. I will praise players for competing fairly and trying hard, and make them feel like winners every time.
10. I will never ridicule or yell at a child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
11. I acknowledge that athletic development requires a thousand attempts before mastery becomes approachable. Therefore, I will emphasize skill development and repetitive practice. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
12. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire to win.
13. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches or other officials at the game field. I will take time to speak with coaches or other QVSB officials about any concerns at an agreed upon future time and place.
14. I will demand a sports environment that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
15. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.
16. As a parent, I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
17. As a parent, I will refrain from sitting in, or approaching the designated players' area during a game unless I have an official role on the team.
18. As a parent, I will proactively communicate to the coach any conflicts that will impact my child's full participation in a team event.
19. As a coach, I will teach players to follow the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
20. As a coach, I will offer parents observations about their child or children only.