



## DAKOTA BASEBALL PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

I acknowledge that the Dakota Baseball Program is focused on: 1) A Fun and Safe Sporting Environment; 2) Respect; 3) Skill Development; and 4) Sportsmanship

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not mine.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league, and I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
5. I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship through my positive support of all participants. I 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 discourage all behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of any athlete, coach, official, or spectator.
7. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
8. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game/event.
9. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
10. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or any other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
11. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question their judgment or honesty in public.
12. 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.
13. I will respect and show appreciation for the trained volunteer coaches and the volunteer administrators who give their time to provide sport activities for my child, understanding that I have a responsibility to be a part of my child's development.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, community sport director, or head of league
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- Game forfeit through the official or coach
- Parental season suspension

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

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