



**MUNCIE BASEBALL &
SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION**

P. O. Box 69
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Code of Conduct Policy

The following Code of Conduct policy has been developed and adopted by the Muncie Baseball and Softball Association (MBSA) Board of Directors. Its purpose is to insure that ALL players, parents, guests and coaches are given the opportunity to have a positive and enjoyable experience while participating in baseball and softball games with MBSA.

Code of Conduct for Parents and their Guests

- 1) **I will enjoy myself because baseball and softball are games and games are meant to be fun! I will not behave in any manner that takes away from the enjoyment of players, volunteers and spectators. I will remember that the games are for the children, not the adults.**
- 2) I will not force my child to participate in MBSA leagues against his/her will.
- 3) I will inform MBSA and my child's coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect my child or the safety of others.
- 4) I will be a positive role model and will encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating only positive support for all players, coaches, umpires, MBSA officials and other spectators at every game and practice.
- 5) I will not negatively criticize any players, coaches, umpires or other league officials. I will abide by the decisions of the umpires and/or MBSA officials.
- 6) I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of MBSA. I will teach them to my child so that they can play by the rules.
- 7) I will not use disrespectful language or gestures toward any player, coach, MBSA Board member or umpire. If I do, I will be asked to return to my vehicle and the game will not continue until I do so.
- 8) I will never resort to physical threats or actions to resolve a situation. Any occurrence will be immediately directed to an MBSA Board member.
- 9) 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 or by his/her performance.
- 10) I will allow my child's coach to teach. I will not provide instruction from the sidelines unless asked to do so by the coach.
- 11) I will be respectful of the coaches after games because, win or lose, coaches need time after the game is over. I will never confront coaches, MBSA officials or umpires at the playing field. If I have concerns regarding my child or other personal disagreements, I will schedule a time to discuss them at a later date.
- 12) I will attempt to have my child at every practice and game on time as scheduled, whenever possible, and I will notify the coach ahead of time if I can't do so.



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- 13) I understand that if there are any problems, the proper chain of command is a) Coach, b) Any Board member, and then c) MBSA President.
- 14) I understand that the MBSA Board of Directors has the right to review the conduct of any parent or guest and take any action deemed necessary when achieving resolution to the situation.
- 15) I will follow the parking rules set forth by Muncie Community Schools. There is to be no parking at any time on any of the grassy areas surrounding the fields of play.
- 16) I understand that it is the policy of Muncie Community Schools to forbid the use of all tobacco products and alcohol on school property. MBSA adheres to this policy and violators will be asked to remove themselves from the premises.