

# Hawthorne Baseball Softball Association

## Parent Code of Conduct

This Code applied to all Hawthorne Baseball Softball Association events, including practices, team events, games and actions while at any type of HSBA event.

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 my 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 not 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
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child 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 sporting event.
6. 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. Bleachers Talk will be positive and constructive.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athlete.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.
10. 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 his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize the skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place. I will not stand by the dugouts during the game.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events. I know that the town of Hawthorne has a Smoking Ban on recreational fields and I can be fined.
17. 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.
18. I will not leave my child unattended unless I have permission from the coach. I will be on time to pick my child up from practice/games.
19. I understand that the best place to view/watch the game is the bleachers. I will refrain from being in the dugout area or behind the Dugout fence.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

- A) Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league organization
- B) Written warning
- C) Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept by organizations involved. If the parent is suspended, he/she is not allowed at the complex for the game/event.
- D) Fulfillment of specified community service within a specified period of time. (Umpire a game, Working on the field, Cleaning the bathrooms).
- E) Game forfeit through the official or coach
- F) Game suspension for my son or daughter because of my actions.
- G) Parental season suspension.

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### CONDUCT SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINE

Examples of words or actions which will constitute a violation of the Code Include, but we are not limited to the following:

- Making physical contact with any player, coach, official, league representative, in the fields or viewing area personnel or spectator;
- Taunting or threatening any player, coach, official, league representative, or spectator;
- Going into the dugout of an opposing team or obstruction their access to or exit;
- Using profane and/or vulgar language or mannerisms;
- Going onto the playing field;
- Throwing of any object onto the Field, into the player area(s), or at another individual;
- Pounding or climbing on the fence;
- Defacing or damaging property belonging to any individual, team, association or field;
- Being involved in any activity that would warrant the summoning of law enforcement officials;
- Inciting any person(s) to become involved in any of the above listed behaviors.