

Nasa Area Baseball League (Nasa Pony) Player and Parent Codes of Conduct

All Coaches are subject to the Code of Code and rules as described in the Local Option. To that end, parents and players are also required to follow similar Code of Conduct rules, as briefly outlined in the Local Options. However, this document codifies in more detail the expectations for both player and parent behavior, as well as any consequences of a violation(s) of the below conduct rules.

Code of Conduct for Players

- **Rules:** I understand that I need to learn and abide by the League rules, which includes this Code of Conduct, as well as any other rule(s) my manager and/or coach imposes on the team, and especially all safety rules, including appropriate bat use.
- **Sportsmanship:** I will show good sportsmanship in both practices and games, and will encourage my teammates, coaches and parents to do the same.
- **Respect:** I will show respect towards all coaches, players, umpires, league officials and fans. This means that I will not argue with or question the umpires, and will not taunt or try to humiliate any other players. It also means that I will do my best to listen and learn from my coaches and accept their advice with respect.
- **Commitment:** I understand that I have made a commitment to my teammates and my coaches. I will do my best to be on time and attend all practices and games, and if I am not able to attend, I will notify my coaches as soon as possible so they can plan for my absence. I understand that my play time can be affected if I miss practices and/or games.
- **Behavior:** I will not use profanity or any other offensive language. I will not hit, push, shove or otherwise try to physically harm any of my teammates, opponents, or any other people involved with my practices and/or games. I will not mistreat or mishandle any equipment and/or field structures.
- **Responsibility:** I understand that I am responsible for what I say and what I do on and off the field, and will be held responsible.

Code of Conduct for Parents

- **Participation:** I will not force my child to participate in the League. I will remember that the reason for my child to participate is to have fun while developing skills. I will remember that the

game is for the kids, **NOT** the adults.

- **Rules:** I will learn the rules of the game and the League policies. I will ensure that my child also understands these rules, especially all bat use and other safety rules, and we will abide by them. I understand that Nasa Pony is a competitive league, and that all players will not play an equal amount of time.

- **Commitment:** I understand that my child's coaches are volunteers who spend significant time and energy in planning practices and games. I understand that baseball is a team sport and that my child has a responsibility to his teammates and coaches to consistently attend practices and games, and to give the team every effort when in attendance. I will communicate with the manager as soon as practicable any time my child is unable to participate in, or will be late to, a practice or game. In addition, I understand that my child's play time may be affected if he misses practices or games.

- **Medical and Emotional Well-Being:** I will inform the Manager and/or the Player Agent of any disability or ailment my child may have that could affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.

- **Support:** I will always be supportive of my child, his teammates, manager and coaches, as well as umpires.

- **Conduct:** I will respect the umpires and their authority during games and will never question or confront the manager or coaches during the game, and agree to raise any coaching issues later at an agreed upon time and place. I will not ridicule or yell at my child, another player or any other participant for making a mistake.

- **Sportsmanship/Respect:** I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, managers, coaches and umpires at every game and practice. I will not use any profanity or other offensive language. I will require that my child treat other players, coaches, managers, umpires, league officials and fans with respect. I will agree to any consequences the Manager or Board determines is fair as a result of player or parent violations of any of the Code of Conduct rules contained herein.

- **Environment:** I will refrain from using drugs, tobacco and/or alcohol while at the field, and will not arrive at the field in an inebriated state.

- **No Coaching:** I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am one of the team coaches or asked to assist by the team Manager or coach.

- **Learning:** I will encourage the learning and development of the kids as athletes and members of our community. To that end, I will emphasize commitment, effort, development, sportsmanship and respect.

- **Volunteering:** I understand that the League is dependent upon volunteers to ensure the success of the season for the children. I will assist to the best of my ability when needed.

● **Contingent Behavior:** I understand that I am responsible for enforcing the above rules onto any contingent family member and/or friend(s) attending any game or practice at my invitation (grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, neighbors, private coaches, etc.), and that I am subject to penalties based on any Code of Conduct violations of my invitees.

● **Social Media:** The rules and consequences within this Code of Conduct will also apply to any derogatory comments by a player or parent regarding any other player, parent, coach, manager, Board member, or umpire posted to any public social media account (i.e. if the general public has access to such comments). Whatever is written will be treated as if it was said out loud, to a crowded stands and full field of play, during a game or practice, for all to hear.

To be clear: any player or parent violating any of the above rules will be subject to discipline either at the field at the time of incidence, or afterward in a meeting before the Board of Directors (and in some cases both). Violations may result in a variety of consequences, as determined solely by the Board, and may include, but not be limited to: for a player- suspension or banishment; for a parent- park attendance restriction or elimination.

All players and parents are required to sign the below, and immediately return to the Manager of your child's team or to a Board member; until then, your child will be prohibited from participating in any game or practice until your household returns a fully executed document. **AFFIRMATION:** The undersigned has read, and understands, the above, and agrees to abide by all Nasa Area Baseball League (Nasa Pony) Player and Parent Code of Conduct rules. More importantly, we understand and accept any player or parent consequences for violating anything outlined in this Player and Parent Code of Conduct.

Player Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

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