

LEWISVILLE BASEBALL & SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION (LBSA)

COACH, PARENT, & SPECTATOR CODE OF CONDUCT

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character." The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

1. **Trustworthiness;**
2. **Respect;**
3. **Responsibility;**
4. **Fairness;**
5. **Caring; and**
6. **Good citizenship.**

As a coach, parent, and/or spectator attending any LBSA sanctioned event (practice, game, or any other event at this location):

1. I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, umpires, officials, and LBSA board members at every LBSA sanctioned event.
2. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
3. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child/team to win.
4. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
5. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
6. I will learn the rules of the game.
7. I will be a positive role model for the children 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.
8. 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.
9. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the players.
10. I will teach my child and the other children to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
11. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
12. 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.
13. I will praise the children for competing fairly and trying hard, and make the children feel like a winner every time.
14. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
15. I will not to criticize, belittle, antagonize, berate, taunt, make inflammatory remarks, or otherwise incite the opposing team, its players, coaches, cheerleaders, fans or umpires by word of mouth or by gesture.
16. 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.
17. I will respect the members of the LBSA Board during any LBSA sanctioned event and will never question, discuss, or confront any member at the game field, or will take time to speak with said member at an agreed upon time and place.
18. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
19. 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.

By attending any LBSA sanctioned event, I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that may include, but is not limited to the following:

1. Verbal or written warning by official, head coach, and/or LBSA Board.
2. Ejection from game or ejection of the team's head coach.
3. Forfeiture of current game.
4. Game suspension, season suspension, or lifetime league prohibition with written documentation of incident kept on file.

