

Safe Kids Program for Riverside Baseball Federation

The following constitute the policies of Riverside Baseball Federation (RBF) with regard to awareness and prevention of abuse within our organization.

- **Riverside Baseball Federation** is committed to provide a safe environment and to prevent child abuse and sexual misconduct.
- **Riverside Baseball Federation** will make every reasonable effort to ensure that every person involved in coaching/training a sport activity in our organization will abide by the Safe Kids guidelines.
- **Riverside Baseball Federation** will make every reasonable effort to exclude any adult with a legally documented history of child abuse/molestation or any other conviction or record that would bring unnecessary risk to the health and safety of the participants of this organization. Therefore, every person applying for a position as a coach or assisting in the field or dugout must complete a Volunteer Disclosure Statement (on page 2). Additionally, every coach assistant, scorekeeper, etc. assisting in the field or dugout must provide current Act 33 and Act 34 in accordance with the Riverside Baseball Federation Handbook.
- **Riverside Baseball Federation** will take appropriate action on all allegations of child abuse and/or sexual misconduct. All allegations will be reported immediately to the authorities for investigation and will cooperate fully with any such investigation.

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The following represent the preventive measures of our organization with regard to abuse:

- Physical, mental and verbal abuse of any of the participants, coaches, managers and volunteers involved in our sponsored activities is not permitted.
- Inappropriate touching of any kind is forbidden.
- We agree to provide more than one adult working at or overseeing every activity. If a child needs special attention (one-on-one training or an individual meeting), it will be handled with the assistance or presence of another adult.
- Coaches/trainers should never ride alone with a child or participant in the car. In the event a child or participant is stranded at an activity at least one assistant coach must stay until the child is picked up.
- Parents are encouraged to attend all sponsored activities with their child.

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Conduct:

- It is the manager's responsibility to maintain order among the members of his/her team. All players not actively involved on the playing field shall remain in the dugout during the game.
- Profanity will not be tolerated from anyone. This is grounds for removal from the league.
- Use of alcoholic beverages or tobacco products in any form on the field, benches, dugouts and around the players during games or practices are not permitted.
- Throwing equipment will not be tolerated.
- There will be no heckling of opposing players.
- Any manager ejected from a game will be told to leave the field and become a spectator. If he/she refuses to leave he/she will forfeit the game. If a spectator, he/she continues to harass the umpires, the umpire will instruct him/her to leave the park. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action by the RBF

Riverside Baseball Federation has adopted this program and has incorporated it into the RBF guidelines

Volunteer Disclosure Statement for Riverside Baseball Federation

To be completed by each volunteer who will have direct contact with youth participants.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Home Email: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Driver's License #: _____ State: _____ Exp: _____

Position(s) Requested, Circle Position & List League: _____

League Commissioner

Head Coach

All Star Coach

Assistant Coach

Playing Experience _____

Background in Youth Sports (as Coach, Manager, Official or other type):

Position Held	League/Team Name	Date(s)	City/State

Previous Residence(s) for last 5 years:

Have you ever been convicted of a crime? If yes, please explain.

Team Managers are selected by the governing board of the federation. All Star Managers are selected by team managers with governing board approval. Interested parties shall apply to the board. Selection will be based on but not necessarily in order of:

1. Service to the organization.
2. Baseball Knowledge
3. Ability to teach and handle children.
4. Seniority

If selected for any position(s) I will agree to follow all **Riverside Baseball Federation** guidelines, rules and bylaws and abide by any and all decisions submitted by the appropriate Riverside Baseball officials.

By signing this application, I hereby verify that the information provided is true and correct. I further certify that I understand that the intent of **Riverside Baseball Federation** is to deny a position to anyone convicted of a crime of violence or a crime against another person. I understand and agree that **Riverside Baseball Federation** its affiliates may, in their sole discretion, decline to accept my application for volunteer/staff services with or without cause.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

