



Parent & Player Code of Conduct

The Royal York Baseball League has implemented the following Sport Parent/Player Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of both parents and players.

Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics within sports are embodied in six core principles of sportsmanship:

- **Trustworthiness**
- **Respect**
- **Responsibility**
- **Fairness**
- **Caring**
- **Good Citizenship**

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- i. I will not force my child to participate in sports.*
- ii. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.*
- iii. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.*
- iv. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.*
- v. I 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.*

- vi. *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.*
- vii. *I will not encourage any behaviours or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.*
- viii. *I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.*
- ix. *I will ask that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.*
- x. *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.*
- xi. *I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.*
- xii. *I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.*
- xiii. *I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.*
- xiv. *I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.*
- xv. *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.*
- xvi. *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.*
- xvii. *I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one.*
- xviii. *I will correct my child's actions if they adversely affect others, and will remove him from the baseball field if he or she refuses to cooperate.*
- xix. *I will attempt to attend as many practices and games as possible and acknowledge the ultimate responsibility for my child's actions at all practices and games lies with my child and me; coaches will coach; umpires will umpire; I will parent.*