



Player & Parent 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 Royal York Baseball League Inc. (“RYBL”) is committed to providing a fun baseball environment in which all participating individuals (i.e., including players, parents, coaches, managers, umpires, other RYBL volunteers or officials, and all spectators – hereafter, “Fellow Participants”) are treated with respect and dignity. This necessarily requires all Fellow Participants to conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with our core values which include fairness, integrity and mutual respect.

RYBL also operates consistently with the essential elements of character-building and ethics within sport, which are embodied in the following six (6) core principles of sportsmanship:

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

Royal York Baseball League's Player & Parent Code of Conduct

As a Player and/or Parent in the Royal York Baseball League, I will treat each other Fellow Participant with respect and dignity and will refrain from making negative comments, using profanity, intimidation tactics and/or inappropriate language.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

- 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 children, not adults.
- iii.* I will inform my child's head or co-head coach of any physical disability or medical ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- iv.* I will do my best to learn the rules of the game and the policies of RYBL.
- v.* I will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy to others and by demonstrating positive support for all Fellow Participants at every game, practice or other sporting event.
- vi.* I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any Fellow Participants and will specifically refrain from booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- vii.* I will not encourage any behaviour or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of any Fellow Participant.
- 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 all other Fellow Participants with respect regardless of race, creed, color, religion, sexual orientation or physical or mental 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 any other Fellow Participant for making a mistake or losing a competition, or for any other reason.
- xiii. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning, and will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- xiv. I will promote the emotional and physical wellbeing of the athletes and all other Fellow Participants ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- xv. I will respect the coaches, umpires and other RYBL officials ("Game Officials") and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront Game Officials at the game field, and I will do my best to observe the "24 hour rule" if issues arise that I feel ought to be addressed with Game Officials, and do my best to address these issues with them at a mutually agreed upon time and place.*

* Nothing in this rule is intended to deprive any person from the right or obligation to file an immediate "Incident Report" in respect of any matter they deem fit to be brought to immediate attention of RYBL. Incident Reports may be filed at the following website address, and will be distributed to Senior Executive of RYBL, including out Umpire in Chief:

<https://rybl.com/contact-us/incident-report/>

- xvi. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will personally 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 behaviour and/or actions if they adversely affect others and will remove her/him from the baseball field or venue if he/she refuses to cooperate.
 - xix. I will attempt to attend all practices and games or otherwise ensure that a responsible guardian is in attendance at same and acknowledge that the ultimate responsibility for the health and safety of my child, health care decisions in respect of my child,** and my child's overall actions and behaviour rests with me; coaches will coach; umpires will umpire; I will parent.
- ** Neither Game Officials or any other RYBL coaches, managers, or volunteers are responsible for making medical decisions or taking any medical invasive actions (i.e., administering an Epi-pens) in respect of my child. In the absence of a parent or a guardian, the coach shall call 911 for medical emergencies.
- xx. I will refrain from extended argumentative or combative email or social media interaction with any Fellow Participants with regard to RYBL matters, and I will refrain from bullying behaviour in an effort to try and get my way in respect of same.