

## Code of Conduct for Players, Parents, Volunteers, Spectators & Coaches

### INTRODUCTION

The Natrona Heights Baseball Softball Association (NHBSA) is a community organization that supports youth baseball and softball activities emphasizing fun, fair play and sportsmanship. The objective of our Program is to implant in the minds of the players of this community the high ideals of sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage, and reverence, so that they may grow to be stronger and finer citizens of the community.

To better achieve this goal, we are outlining a Code of Conduct for all parents, volunteers, coaches and players involved in NHBSA. The Code of Conduct is a written contract between the parents, players, volunteers and coaches to abide by the rules and regulations of the game as well as maintain a cooperative attitude and uphold the ideals of fair play and sportsmanship. This contract is more than just paper; it is the essence of our goals and objectives and thus, adherence to it is of primary importance.

We also understand that issues/incidents may arise during practices and games. If the issue/incident is not a safety concern or of utter importance, we ask that you wait 24 hours before addressing it to the coach or board members.

Children who wish to play, parents who want their children to play, and Coaches who wish to coach on teams sanctioned by NHBSA are required to agree to and to sign this Code of Conduct.

### **PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT**

#### *All players Will ...*

Display good sportsmanship and team play at all times.

Follow the direction of the Coaching Staff.

Show respect for all opponents, coaches, players, umpires, league officials and spectators.

Make every attempt to be on time and ready to play for all games and practices.

Inform coaching staff in a timely manner when unable to attend practice or games.

#### *All Players Will Not ...*

Use abusive or profane language

Taunt or humiliate any other player

Abuse, deface, mistreat, or mishandle any NHBSA equipment or property (eg. throwing batting helmets)

Threaten or fight any person while at any NHBSA event, practice or game

## PARENTS, VOLUNTEERS & SPECTATORS CODE OF CONDUCT

Parents and Spectators will support the players, coaches, umpires, opponents and league or tournament officials. Parents and Spectators won't "coach" or "officiate".

Coaches and players are the only ones allowed in the dugout. Coaches may chose to hold a closed practice if necessary. Practices and games are designed to learning and playing the game and not visiting parents, family and friends outside of the field of play.

### *All Parents and Spectators Will ...*

Conduct themselves in a manner that displays the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.

Show respect for all opponents, coaches, players, umpires, league officials and spectators. Inform the Coaching Staff of any disability or ailment that may affect the safety of their child.

Comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policies and procedures as established or endorsed by NHBSA.

Make arrangements to ensure that the players are punctual in arrival at and departure from all NHBSA athletic events.

Be drug and alcohol free while at any NHBSA athletic event.

### *All Parents and Spectators Will Not ...*

Ridicule, demean, threaten or engage in a confrontation with players, coaches, other spectators or umpires.

## COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

Coaches will remain unconditionally supportive of NHBSA'S commitment to the ideals of good sportsmanship, team play, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority. Likewise, coaches will remain sensitive to the physical and emotional well- being of the players.

### *All Coaches Will ...*

Be positive role models.

Display and instill in their players the principals of good sportsmanship and team play.

Conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of the players, parents and NHBSA.

Do their best to provide their players a positive experience.

Ensure that their teams exhibit good sportsmanship at all times, win or lose. "Humble in Victory and Gracious in Defeat."

Treat all players, coaches, opponents, umpires, league officials and spectators with respect.

Provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive.

Teach the game of baseball to the best of their ability.

Comply with the decisions of league and tournament officials and observe all rules, policies, and procedures as established or endorsed by NHBSA.

Be drug and alcohol free while at any NHBSA athletic event.

*All Coaches Will Not ...*

Ridicule or demean any players, coaches, opponents, umpires, league officials or spectators.

Argue with opponents, players or spectators on any playing field or during any team function.

Tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well-being of a child. Use any tobacco products in the dugout or on any playing field or during any team function (practice, game etc.)

CONCLUSION

The NHBSA Board of Directors reserves the right to impose penalties, including, without limitation, game suspensions, dismissal from the team, suspension or revocation of NHBSA membership for serious or repeated violation of this Code of Conduct or other conduct deemed to be harmful to the NHBSA.

We agree to abide by the rules and regulations stated herein, and we are bound to all decisions and impositions of these rules. It is with the spirit of cooperation, for the betterment of baseball and our family that we willingly abide by this contract. Our signatures and that of our child is our written approval of this contract.

Player Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_