

## Visalia Youth Baseball - Rules of Conduct

In an effort to provide a safe and positive playing environment for our children, VYB has imposed a Code of Conduct for all Managers, Coaches, Parents, Players, Officials and Spectators during all events (games, practices, or league events).

- I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the players and not the adults.
- I will inform the manager/coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect, courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, managers/coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other league event.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of un-sportsmanlike conduct with any official, manager/coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the players.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, manager/coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- 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.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.

- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the players ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child or team to win.
- 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 managers/coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- 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.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am an official manager/coach.

**Failure to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, may be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:**

- Verbal Warning
- Written Warning
- Game Forfeiture
- Game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved
- Season Suspension
- Permanent Suspension
- Loss of Managing/Coaching Privileges

**Please note, any disciplinary actions taken will be documented in an incident report and kept on file by league officials.**

I/We have read and agree to abide by the above listed Rules of Conduct. I/We fully understand that participation in any and all activities sponsored by Visalia Youth Baseball is conditional upon my/our adherence to the above.