

## Code of Conduct

The Plymouth Youth Athletic Association was established to promote the game of baseball and softball and to provide an atmosphere in which the game can be learned and enjoyed. All players, coaches, and parents of this club are required to abide by this code.

Players are expected to conduct themselves in a sporting like manner at all times while participating in Plymouth Youth Athletic Association games. Opposing players and coaches, as well as umpires, should be treated with respect. All participants must support this goal if we are to attain this game to be played in a sporting like manner.

Coaches, including assistant coaches are in charge, with the responsibility of controlling their players, parents, and themselves at all times during the game. **Continual chiding of the umpires, failure to maintain order on the field, failure to control his or her players, or willful violation of any league rules are unacceptable. Coaches who continually disrupt the game will be expected to leave the area for the remainder of the game.**

Parents can be a very positive influence on the game and are encouraged to attend as many games as possible to support their children. Parents could also be a negative influence. **Parents who are disruptive and/or disrespectful to umpires, other parents, players, or coaches will not be tolerated. Disruptive parents will be removed from the area for the remainder of the game.**

### Parent's Code:

1. Do not force an unwilling child to participate in sports.  
Remember, children are involved in organized sports for their own enjoyment, not yours.
2. Encourage your child to always play by the rules.
3. Teach your child that honest effort is as important as victory so that the result of each competition.
4. Turn defeat to victory by helping your child work towards skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
5. Never ridicule or yell at your child for making a mistake or losing.
6. Do not publicly question the official's judgment and never their honesty.
7. Support all efforts to remove verbal & physical abuse from children's sporting activities

### Important Don'ts for Parents:

1. Don't put yourself in your child's place. If they make a mistake, it's their mistake. If they get a home run, it's their glory. Glory or grief, it's their game.
2. Don't talk about the "big game" all day. It probably isn't as important to your child as it is to you. Keep in perspective.
3. Don't criticize your child or others on your team or other teams.
4. Don't yell instructions to your child. That is the coach's job. Only shout encouragement.
5. Don't start analyzing your child's performance right after the game.
6. Never criticize the coach or umpire. Before you complain, decide whether you're ready to give your valuable free time to step into their shoes.

I have read this and agree to abide by it, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

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Child's signature

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Parent's signature