

Elburn Baseball Code of Conduct, Coaches, Parents, Guardians, Family and Friends

Elburn Baseball requires managers, coaches, player's parents, family members, friends and board members to abide by a "Code of Conduct" that emphasizes:

Sportsmanship:

- Be positive role models and do your best to provide the players a positive experience.
- Display and instill in your child, or children, the principals of good sportsmanship and team play, whether you win or lose.
- Be aware that the game is for youth – not adults.
- Emphasize that winning is a result of good teamwork and execution of good fundamentals.

Respect:

- Insist that your child/children play in a safe and healthy environment.
- Always treat other coaches, players, officials, and fans with respect regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- Be supportive with the coaches and officials.
- Never engage in excessive sideline coaching (i.e. no yelling or making calls prior to the umpire; this is not only unsportsmanlike, but in the case of our youngest umpires, it can actually influence their calls.)
- Use of any tobacco product is prohibited in and around the field of play.
- Never physically touch any child with force and/or endanger his/her well-being.
- Refrain from watching the game from behind the backstop.

Communication:

- Never criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches, umpires or fans by word or gesture (i.e. no yelling or "cross talk" across the field.)
- Never ridicule or demean.
- Never use abusive or profane language.

Professionalism:

- Respect Elburn Baseball in a professional manner at all times.
- Comply with the decisions of game/league official(s) and observe all rules, policies, and procedures as established or endorsed by the Elburn Baseball League (i.e. no arguing with umpires, especially on judgment calls and/or questioning balls and strikes, which may lead to an ejection.)

Conduct detrimental to Elburn Baseball will not be tolerated and should be considered a violation of the Code of Conduct. Players, coaches, parents and board members have a responsibility to assist the league in the enforcement of the Code of Conduct by informing the Vice President and League Commissioners in signed writing of any questionable conduct. The VP and Commissioners shall notify the Executive Committee, in writing, within 48 hours of receipt.

In the event of a written report of an alleged Code of Conduct violation from a designated league official, the Executive Committee shall review and investigate the said complaint and take appropriate action, including providing a written response to the reporting party at the conclusion of the Executive Committee's investigation and review, all within a timely fashion.

Violations of the Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action from the league, including but not limited to censure, suspension, revocation of league privileges or ejection from the league. The league Executive Committee shall be responsible for investigating and enforcing the league rules, include the Code of Conduct handbook, bylaws and the constitution.

I pledge myself to observe, practice, maintain and abide by this Code of Conduct.

Signed Parent or Guardian or Coach

Name of League and Team