

# ST. CLAIR SHORES BASEBALL / SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION

## PARENT'S CODE OF CONDUCT

It is the intention of this code of conduct to promote Fair Play and Respect for all participants within SCSBSA. It is expected that all parents of SCSBSA participants read and understand the Parent's Code of Conduct and continue to observe and follow all the principles contained within the Code throughout the year.

1. I will not force my child to participate in playing baseball / softball. I will try to make it FUN!
2. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence.
3. I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of the game. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and hard.
4. I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a game.
5. I will remember that children learn by example. I will applaud good plays by both my child's team and their opponents. I will not be critical of, or embarrass any player, including opposition players.
6. I will never question the official's judgment or honesty in public. I recognize that officials are being developed in the same manner as players.
7. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteers who give their time to coaching and teaching the fundamentals of baseball / softball for my child.
8. I will never yell, taunt, threaten or inflict physical violence upon any player, coach, official or spectator at any game or event. I will refrain from the use of abusive or vulgar language, racial, ethnic or gender-related slurs at any time at the ball field or any baseball function. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from youth baseball games.
9. I will leave the coaching to the coaching staff. I will encourage my child to play in a manner consistent with the team's strategy or plans.
10. I will emphasize skill development and a serious approach to practices and explain how skill development will benefit my child.
11. I will insist that my child plays in a safe and healthy environment. I will support a sports environment that is free of alcohol, drugs or tobacco and I will refrain from their use at all youth sports events.
12. I understand the benefits from participating in a team sport, the commitment, the discipline and the social skills learned and acquired.
13. I will remember that my child plays baseball / softball for his or her enjoyment, not mine. I have read and understand the above Code of Conduct, and agree to abide by its guidelines at all team and league activities. I understand that if I do not follow this Code of Conduct, I may be asked to leave the league activity (such as a game or practice) or I may be asked to withdraw my child from the league.

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT SIGNATURES:

PARENT \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT \_\_\_\_\_

PLAYER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_