

DE PERE BASEBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

De Pere Baseball prides itself in trying to do its best to provide a positive youth baseball program. In order for this organization to be a success, we need to understand what is expected of us as coaches, parents and players. The following Codes of Conduct are supported by the De Pere Baseball organization:

Coaches Code of Conduct

- Winning is a consideration, but not the only one, nor the most important one. Care more about the child than winning the game. Remember that players are involved in baseball for fun and enjoyment.
- Be a positive role model to your players, display emotional maturity and be alert to the physical safety of players.
- Be generous with your praise when it is deserved. Be consistent and honest; be fair and just. Do not criticize players publicly. Learn to be a more effective communicator and coach; do not yell at players.
- Adjust to the personal needs and problems of players. Be a good listener and never verbally or physically abuse a player or official. Give all players the opportunity to improve their skills, gain confidence, and develop self-esteem. Teach them the basics.
- Organize practices that are fun and challenging for your players. Familiarize yourself with the rules, techniques and strategies of baseball. Encourage all your players to be team players.
- Be concerned with the overall development of your players. Stress good health habits.
- To play the game is great, but to love the game is greater.

Parents' Code of Conduct

- Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desire to play their chosen sport. Children are involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember that children learn best by example, so applaud the good plays of both teams.
- Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches, or umpires. By showing a positive attitude toward the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit from his/her youth baseball experience.
- Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete. De-emphasize games and competition, particularly in the younger age groups.
- Know and study the rules of the game; support the officials on and off the field. Any criticism of the officials only hurts the game.
- Applaud a good effort in both victory and defeat. Enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell at, or physically abuse, your child after a game or practice. Work toward removing the physical and verbal abuse in youth sports.
- Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are very important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.
- If you enjoy baseball, learn all you can about the game-and volunteer.

Players' Code of Conduct

- Play for FUN!
- Work hard to improve your skills.
- Be a team player; get along with your teammates.
- Learn teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline.
- Be on time for practices and games.
- Learn the rules and play by them. Always be a good sport.
- Respect your coaches, your teammates, your parents, your opponents, and the umpires.
- Never argue with an umpire's decision.

As a coach, parent, or player of the De Pere Baseball organization, I have read and understand the Code of Conduct Agreement. We all play an important role in the development and success of De Pere Baseball. By informing you of our expectations, you know what your role is as a coach, your responsibilities as parents and players, and the impact your roles and responsibilities have towards positive team development. Failure to abide with this agreement may result in disciplinary actions.

Coach Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date

Player Signature

Date