

North Pocono
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2012 Oath of Conduct for Parents and Guardians

I/We agree to uphold the mission and philosophy of North Pocono Cal Ripken Baseball by modeling appropriate behavior at all practices and games and by teaching the players on my team to act in a sportsmanlike manner, to honor the game of baseball and to show respect for the rules, umpires, managers, coaches and players of the League.

I/We recognize that the practices and games are played by children of varying abilities.

I/We will refrain from engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct with any player, umpire, manager, coach, parent or spectator in any game or practice. I will not argue the calls of an umpire. I will not taunt, ridicule, demean or belittle anyone at any practice or game. I will not use profane language or make a profane gesture at any practice or game. I will not make any gesture to indicate that an umpire, manager or coach is unfit to perform, or ignorant of, his or her duties. I will not throw any object in frustration or disgust.

I/We 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/We will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.

I/We will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.

I/We will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.

I/We will not force my child to participate in sports.

I/We will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.

I/We will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.

I/We will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.

I/We (and my /our guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or sporting event.

I/We will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts peacefully.

I/We will insure that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.

I/We will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront any coach at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.

I/We 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.