

## OKAW Baseball League

### Code of Conduct

The "OKAW Baseball League" was formed as an *INSTRUCTIONAL LEAGUE* to provide players with a field of competition where they can learn the fundamentals of Baseball and *SPORTSMANSHIP*. As Representatives of the OKAW Baseball League, it is the responsibility of the individual league representatives and individual coaches to uphold the values of the Okaw Baseball League and the Code of Conduct. We must remember the core mission of this league is to teach the game of baseball/softball, teach fundamentals, and it is for all the *PLAYERS* and for *FUN*.

#### PLAYERS

It is the responsibility of every player to work hard at improving, attend practices and games regularly, and to cooperate with teammates and coaches. Players will not degrade or use profane language at any player, coach or umpire. Remember-You represent your team, league, community and especially yourself.

#### SPECTATORS

Spectators will conduct themselves in a respectful manner at all times. The consideration of the players will come first. Spectators will not degrade or use profane language at any player, coach, umpire or another spectator. It is the responsibility of the spectators to monitor the conduct of the other spectators as well. Spectators should teach players to respect the officials by setting a good example. Remember- You represent your team, league, community and especially yourself.

#### UMPIRES

Umpires will conduct themselves in a respectful manner at all times. The consideration of the players will come first. Umpires will not degrade or use profane language at any player, coach, or spectator. It is the responsibility of the umpire to know the rules of the game he/she is calling.

#### COACHES

Coaches will conduct themselves in a respectful manner at all times. The consideration of the players will come first. Coaches will not degrade or use profane language at any player, umpire, or another coach or spectator. Coaches will conduct themselves in a manner that inspires the players to love the game and have fun. Coaches should also inspire a desire to win, while teaching the players *SPORTSMANSHIP*. It is the responsibility of the coaches to monitor the conduct of the players as well as the spectators. Coaches should teach players and spectators to respect the officials by setting a good example and reviewing this Code of Conduct with all assistant coaches and parents. Remember-You represent your team, league, community and especially yourself. **Any Violation to the following will result in the suspension of the individual, and the individual will not be allowed to coach(effective immediately from the offense).**

- ***NO TOBACCO use on the playing field or dugouts while players are present.***
- ***NO ABUSIVE or DEGRADING BEHAVIOR***
- ***NO FIGHTING before, during or after any game or practice***
- ***NO THREATENING WITH BODILY HARM, PROFANITY, or INTIMIDATION TO Umpires, Coaches, Players or Spectators.***
- ***NO BEING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL OR ILLIGAL SUBSTANCES.***

It is the Head Coaches of each team's responsibility to ensure that the assistant coaches read and understand this code of conduct.

**THE "OKAW Baseball League" Board will review any violation of the Code of Conduct and disciplinary action/suspensions may be taken or adjusted.**

**All Coaches are required to sign and date to acknowledge that they have read and understand the "Okaw Baseball League-Code of Conduct". The League Representative for each town will keep a this signed acknowledgement on file for review by the Okaw Valley League Board.**

**Failure to sign this document will result in the individual coach not being allowed to coach in the Okaw Baseball League.**

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**TOWN**

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