

Grant Township Area Athletic Association Baseball & Softball Program Code of Conduct

For Players, Coaches, and Parents

Parents, players, coaches, and fans represent the GTAAA Baseball & Softball Program when our teams play and practice. The actions of one of us affect the image of all of us. The vision of our programs is to provide an environment where boys & girls can reach their full baseball and softball potential while developing into young adults with strong character. To that end, we are committed to building strong relationships and instilling character values focused on Teamwork, Commitment, Self-Discipline, Hard Work, Sportsmanship, and Respect. This Code of Conduct encourages us to work together to play with good sportsmanship and to treat players, parents, fans, coaches, and umpires with respect. This Code also identifies the possible consequences we will encounter when we do not behave appropriately.

Treat Umpires with Respect

- “ There are no circumstances in which a parent or player should confront an umpire during or after a game. Team managers must engage umpires in a respectful manner.
- “ Players, Managers and Coaches shall not verbally harass an umpire. If you disagree with a call, do so quickly, calmly and let it go. Umpires will make mistakes. It is part of the game.
- “ Managers will be held responsible for ensuring that parents comply with this portion of the Code of Conduct.

Treat Your Team with Respect

- “ Baseball & Softball are not individual sports . they are team sports. Bear this in mind at all times.
- “ Ensure that your player and all of her/his equipment get to **games and practices** on time. Playing time will be directly affected by tardiness and absences, whether the manager is notified or not.
- “ Pick up your player promptly at the end of games, practices or other team functions. Do not make the coaches wait for you.
- “ Disagreements with the manager or coach do not belong on the field before, during or after a game or practice. Questions and comments should be voiced later in an adult atmosphere.
- “ We will enforce a 24 hour rule. At no time will a player's parent/relative/guardian/fan discuss a problem with a game with the manager/coach until 24 hours has elapsed from the start of the game in question.

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- " A Manager's decision about playing time, position, strategy, tactics, etc., consistent with this Code of Conduct is final.
- " No guarantee of field position or place in the batting order will be made for any player.
- " If a player quits or is removed from the program for any reason, our refund policy is 100% before placement on team, 50% before first game and 0 after first game.
- " Parents of GTAAA players are expected to publicly support the managers, the coaches, the other players and the team as a whole at all times.
- " GTAAA coaches are expected to volunteer to help maintain our fields at Veterans Park and Field of Dreams. Parents are also expected to work a shift in the concession stand.

Treat Our Coaches, Players and Opponents with Respect

- " Whether you win or lose, do so with class. When you interact with others, do so with class. Not only are you representing yourself, you are representing GTAAA.
- " Managers are in charge of overall team direction and instruction during play and practice. Parental criticism or advice for their player or other players is usually not well received by the player, manager, coach or the other players' parents.
- " Never criticize or yell at a player on the opposing team. Consider how you would feel if you were that player's parent. You will be asked to leave immediately by the manager. You could also face further discipline from the Board of Directors.
- " Confrontations or shouting matches with coaches, parents or fans of either team. The manager will ask you to leave immediately and report the incident to the Board of Directors.
- " Constant yelling is very irritating to the people around you (even if you think your comments are positive).
- " Alcohol, tobacco, drugs, profanity or fighting are never permitted at baseball & softball games or practices. Use common courtesy when using tobacco and do not use it around the players when it is permitted at that field.

Grievances and Consequences

- " The Team Manager is the first person you should contact if you feel a parent, spectator, player or coach's behavior warrants corrective action. The Team Manager will attempt to resolve or correct the issue, but may refer it to the Board of Directors for further investigation and remedy.
- " The Board of Directors may impose penalties including reprimands and suspension of playing / coaching / spectator privileges.
- " When playing in in-house, inter league or tournaments play the proper sanctioning body may respond to certain actions that involve physical contact or verbal confrontations that take place during sanctioned events (e.g., Nippersink League, Chain Of Lakes League, travel tournaments, etc.). These sanctioning bodies have the authority to impose suspensions above and beyond those imposed by the GTAAA Board of Directors.
- " In the event of suspension or expulsion from a team, no refund of registration fees will be made.

Signature: As a player, manager, coach, or parent of a player in the GTAAA Baseball & Softball Program, I acknowledge:

- ~ That I have read, understand and will adhere to this Code of Conduct;
- ~ That as a player's parent, I have read this to the player and made sure they not only understood everything written here, but agreed to abide by these rules.
- ~ That my continued participation in GTAAA program, as well as the participation of my children, is contingent upon my ability (and that of my immediate and extended family) to adhere to this Code of Conduct; and
- ~ That I will help my fellow parents and coaches when, in the heat of the moment, they need to be reminded of their commitment to this Code of Conduct

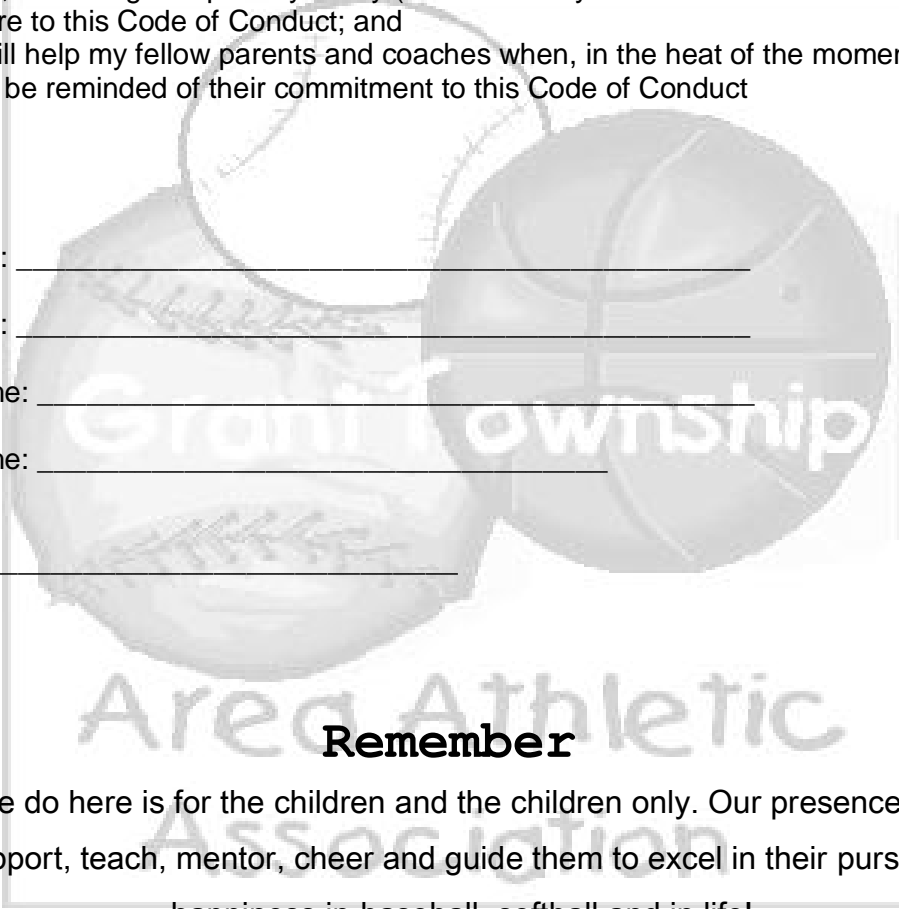
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Remember

All we do here is for the children and the children only. Our presence is to support, teach, mentor, cheer and guide them to excel in their pursuit of happiness in baseball, softball and in life!

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