

## Sheridan McGuane Baseball and Softball Sportsmanship Pledge

### SHERIDAN/MCGUANE BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SPORTSMANSHIP PLEDGE FOR COACHES,

#### IN MY WORDS AND ACTIONS, I PLEDGE TO:

1. Recognize that I set the example for our players, parents and other coaches and as such I shall be held to the highest standards for good sportsmanship.
2. Teach that striving to win is more important than the victory itself and maintain the perspective that baseball is a game to be played for fun.
3. Reward my players for effort that they have displayed regardless of the final score.
4. Enthusiastically support and practice the philosophies of positive coaching, good sportsmanship, and everyone plays.
5. Treat players, coaches and umpires with respect and ensure that I, my players, fellow coach, and volunteers, show respect for our opponents and never verbally ridicule or physically touch another player, coach, or umpire in anger, regardless of the situation or outcome of the game.
6. Do my best to insure that all my, and my players', communications with teammates and other members of the Sheridan McGuane Park community, are respectful--whether in person or through digital media (computers, cellphones, Facebook, Social Media etc.).
7. Collaborate actively and respectfully with the umpires and coaches on the other team before, during, and after the game.
8. Know the rules, and consult those rules before raising rules questions during/after games with other coaches, umpires or the league and emphasize to my players that they must abide by the rules at all times.
9. Show respect for the calls made by all umpires. When I have valid concerns, I will raise those concerns tactfully between innings or at the end of the game with the umpires in question.
10. Ensure a safe environment for all players on both teams.
11. Review the Sportsmanship Pledges for Parents and for Players with all the parents and players on my team, and get their active agreement to follow those pledges during the season.
12. Be prepared to intervene in any sportsmanship issues caused by the parents or players on my team, before, during or after games. Unless I am able to resolve it on my own, I will report sportsmanship issues with parents, players or other coaches to the league.
13. Insist on a drug-, alcohol-, and tobacco-free sports environment for all children and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all games, practices and events.

My signature on this pledge indicates that I understand & support this code and the league's decision making process about sanctions.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name & Team: \_\_\_\_\_