

BETHESDA CHEVY CHASE BASEBALL, INC. PARENT and SPECTATOR CODE of CONDUCT

Bethesda Chevy Chase Baseball, Inc. insists on the highest standard of sportsmanship in the conduct of our managers, coaches, parents and spectators. The manager and coach have an affirmative obligation to create a constructive, enjoyable and non-hostile environment in which the game is played. To that end, the League has created a "Manager and Coach's Code of Conduct" which we require each Manager and Coach to read and sign to indicate their willingness to abide by the Code's standards. As Bethesda Chevy-Chase Baseball, Inc. strives towards the most positive experience possible, we believe the Parents and Spectators in our league should be held to many of the same standards of conduct. We ask each parent of every BCC baseball player to read the following standards and sign the front of the player application to indicate his/her willingness to abide by them.

- I will encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches and officials at every game or practice. I will not promote any actions that result in "running up the score" or otherwise embarrassing the opposing team.
- I will treat everyone with respect regardless of race, sex, creed and ability.
- I will never use any physical means against spectators, players, officials, or other coaches.
- I will not criticize, aggravate or incite the opposing team, coaches or fans, by word of mouth or gesture.
- I will refrain from using profanity.
- I will not consume alcoholic beverages and/or appear under the influence of same when dealing with youngsters.
- I will accept gracefully the decision of officials as being fair and called to the best ability of the official.
- I will not place excessive pressure on my team's managers, coaches and players by making "anticipatory" umpiring calls, criticizing umpires, cheering obnoxiously, etc.
- I understand that BCC emphasizes that every player must play a certain number of defensive innings in the field, and that in certain of the younger divisions, there are requirements for minimum play in the infield positions to provide fair opportunity for all to develop their infield skills. I will be understanding both of the players who may still be developing their skills and of the managers' obligation to play children at both outfield and infield positions.
- I understand that I have an affirmative responsibility to help our managers, coaches and players maintain a sportsmanlike atmosphere at the game and at practices. I understand that my role at the game is to watch, relax and enjoy; not to coach, manage or umpire the game.