

New Hartford Youth Baseball/Softball Code of Conduct Policy

It is the goal of New Hartford Youth Baseball/Softball (NHBY) to provide a safe, fun, and enjoyable environment for our children to play and learn baseball and softball. It shall be the primary objective of every Board Member, Coach, Official, and Parent to ensure that this goal is achieved and maintained in our league.

All coaches, parents, and players shall read and adhere to this Code of Conduct, acknowledging that he or she understands and agrees to comply with the Code of Conduct. Players shall not be permitted to participate in the league until they and their parent/guardian sign this document.

NO Board Member, Coach, Player, or Spectator shall:

- Speak disrespectfully to any coach, official, or representative of the league.
- At any time, lay a hand upon, push, shove, strike, or threaten to strike an official, coach, spectator or board member.
- Inflict any personal, verbal, or physical abuse upon any official, coach or board member for any real or imaginary belief of a wrong decision or judgment.
- Display an objectionable demonstration of dissent at an official's decision by throwing of gloves, helmets, hats, bats, balls, or any other unsportsman-like action.
- Display the use of unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of a game against the body of an opposing player.
- Inflict any type of a physical attack upon any board member, official, coach, player, or spectator.
- Use profanity, obscene, or vulgar language in any manner at any time.
- Appear on the field of play, stands, or anywhere on the NHBY complex while in an intoxicated state at any time. Intoxicated will be defined as an odor or behavioral issue.
- Gamble upon any play or outcome of any game with anyone at any time.
- Smoke while in the stands or on the playing field or in any dugout at any time. Smoking will only be permitted in designated areas, which will be out of view from any spectator stands or dugouts

- Discuss publicly with spectators in a derogatory or abusive manner any play, decision, or a personal opinion on any players during the game.
- Tamper or manipulate any league rosters, schedules, draft positions or selections, official score books, rankings, financial records, or procedures.
- Challenge an umpire's authority. The umpires shall have the authority and discretion during a game to penalize the offender according to the infraction up to and including removal from the game.
- Challenge an umpires judgment call.

Any inappropriate behavior by a spectator may be cause for the suspension of a game by the Umpire. Game suspension may continue until such time as the spectator leaves the park.

Any inappropriate behavior by a coach, parent or player may be cause for suspension or expulsion from New Hartford Youth Baseball/Softball. Suspension/expulsion is the sole discretion of the board of directors.

The Board of Directors will review all infractions of the NHYB Code of Conduct. Depending on the seriousness or frequency, the Board may assess additional disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the league. If the spectator continues to pursue any issue, the local law enforcement will be immediately called.

*By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct:

Print Name (Player, Coach, Official)

Signature

Print Name (Parent/Guardian)

Signature

*This Code of Conduct policy shall be in effect with or without signature