

PIEDMONT BASEBALL FOUNDATION

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Piedmont Baseball Foundation (PBF) provides youth baseball players with an opportunity to practice and learn good sportsmanship, attitudes and responsibilities and to become friends with other children throughout our community. Everyone's conduct at PBF activities should exemplify good sportsmanship. The guiding principle behind the enforcement of this code is that the behavior of everyone involved in PBF should not detract from the children's enjoyment of the sport.

1. COACHES

Required standards of coaching behavior include:

- Coach in a positive manner, reflecting Positive Coaching Alliance values and PBF league guidelines.
- Set a good example for participants and fans to follow, exemplifying the highest moral and ethical behavior.
- Respect the judgment of officials; abide by the rules of the event.
- Treat opposing coaches, participants and fans with respect.
- Instruct participants in sportsmanship and demand they display good sportsmanship.

Penalties:

- Depending on the severity of the offense, coaches acting in an unacceptable manner may be warned, suspended for the remainder of the season, or disqualified from future PBF participation subject to the following:
 - Any coach ejected from a game because of unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended at a minimum for the next two games and may be subject to additional penalties.
 - Any coach who threatens or abuses another person (including an official) will be suspended for the remainder of the season and may be disqualified from future PBF participation.

2. PLAYERS

Acceptable standards of participant behavior include:

- Treat opponents with respect;
- Respect the judgment of officials and abide by the rules of the contest;
- Accept seriously the responsibility of representing the league by displaying positive behavior at all times;
- Play in a positive manner, reflecting good sportsmanship.

Penalties:

- Coaches are responsible for the conduct of their players.
- Any player ejected from a game because of unsportsmanlike conduct will be suspended from the next game and may be subject to additional penalties.

- Any player who threatens or abuses another person may be suspended from play for the remainder of the season and may be disqualified from PBF participation.
- Coaches of teams with an undue number of player violations will be suspended for the remainder of the season or disqualified from future PBF participation.
- Any player partaking in repeated unsportsmanlike conduct will be ejected from the game by the player's coach and suspended from the next game. The player may be subject to additional penalties at the discretion of the division commissioner.

3. SPECTATORS

Acceptable standards of spectator behavior include:

- Remember that the players are children and are playing for their enjoyment, not yours.
- Respect decisions made by contest officials.
- Be a role model by positively supporting teams and by not shouting instructions or criticism to the players, coaches or officials. Do not coach from the stands.
- Make no derogatory comments or gestures to players, coaches, parents of the opposing team, officials or league administrators.

Penalties:

- Participating teams and their coaches are responsible for the conduct of their spectators.
- Any spectator who displays poor sportsmanship may be removed from the facility by an official, their team coach, a league official or the host field person-in-charge.
- Any spectator who interferes with the conduct of a PBF activity may, at the discretion of the spectator's league, be barred from attendance at subsequent PBF activities.

4. ENFORCEMENT

PBF division commissioners shall enforce this code. Complaints regarding violations of this code shall be brought to the attention of the division commissioner. Coaches, participants or spectators may be placed on probation or suspended from PBF activities for their actions.