

Player Code of Conduct

Preamble

The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

1. I will accept and understand the seriousness of my responsibility to learn, understand and follow the rules of the game and league; and the privilege of representing my team and my community.
2. I will treat opponents the way I would like to be treated, as a guest or friend.
3. I will refrain from taunting, trash talking or making any kind of derogatory remarks to our opponents, teammates, coaches, game officials or spectators before, during or after the game, especially comments of an ethnic or racial nature. I will refrain from intimidating behavior and drawing attention to myself.
4. I will wish opponents good luck before the game and congratulate them in a sincere manner that I would like to be greeted with following either a victory or a defeat.
5. I will respect the integrity and judgment of game officials. I will treat them with respect, even if I disagree with their judgment. This will serve to make a positive impression of myself and my team in the eyes of the officials and all people at the game.
6. I will win with humility and lose with grace. I will do both with dignity, and avoid excessive celebrating after a play or game.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

Verbal warning by coach, game official, league commissioner or MAA board member.

A second warning may result in removal from the game for the remainder of the inning or longer as deemed appropriate. Incidents of a severe nature or repeated incidents may result in ejection from the game. All disciplinary actions will be reviewed by the league commissioner and/or the MAA board as needed. Also refer to MAA general rules item 10i through 10k

Any ejection will be followed by a written warning from league commissioner or official.

All written documentation of incident will be kept on file by the league and MAA board.

Potential season suspension.

Written warning(s) will result in continued suspension until the incident(s) is/are reviewed by the MAA board and return approval is given.

Player Signature

Date
