

# **Sandy Plains Baseball Association**

## **Parent, Player & Spectator Code of Conduct**

The objectives of the Sandy Plains Baseball Association include the development of sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and reverence in the youth of the community in order for them to grow into responsible and productive adults.

To further these objectives, it is imperative that SPBA players, parents of SPBA players, and spectators of SPBA events conduct themselves in a manner consistent with these objectives. While properly channeled enthusiasm is expected and encouraged, the following is a code of conduct that is expected of all players, parents and spectators while attending SPBA events.

1. Enthusiastic and positive support of all players, teams and coaches as well as respect for the authority of officials are required at all times.
2. The following will be deemed unacceptable forms of behavior at SPBA events:
  - Negative, profane and/or personalized language, conduct or gestures towards any and all players, coaches, officials and other spectators;
  - Unsportsmanlike conduct such as booing, taunting and/or offensive language directed at any player, coach, official or spectator;
  - Aggressive and/or hostile behavior - including yelling, ridiculing and/or touching - toward any and all players, coaches, officials and other spectators;
  - Any physical behavior that would endanger the health and welfare of the players, coaches, officials and other spectators;
  - The use or possession of illegal drugs or alcohol on the property being used by SPBA;
  - Inappropriate behavior resulting from intoxication and/or being under the influence of illegal drugs.
3. Any game official, SPBA official or Board Member may remove from the park any player, manager, coach, official or spectator who demonstrates an act or acts of unacceptable behavior as provided above.
4. Discussions with managers and/or coaches regarding any and all issues will be conducted in a respectful manner at a time and place set forth by the manager and/or coach. These discussions will not take place during or immediately after a game or an event.
5. All persons who have either demonstrated acts of unacceptable behavior or have been removed from the park will be subject to a review by the SPBA Board of Directors in accordance with the by-laws of the SPBA. Penalties may include a formal warning, suspension or expulsion from the SPBA.
6. Being events at SPBA parks involve developing young athletes, all players, parents and spectators should be considerate with respect to smoking and the use of tobacco in any form. We request that everyone refrain from using tobacco in any areas that are in close proximity to SPBA playing fields, batting cages and the athletes.
7. All parents and/or SPBA members are responsible for ensuring that any guests and family members adhere to this Code of Conduct while attending an SPBA event.