



# **SARATOGA WILTON**

## **YOUTH BASEBALL**

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## **Parent and Spectator Code of Conduct**

UNDERSTANDING that my actions at the ballpark have the potential to influence all of the participants of the game I'm attending,

BEARING IN MIND that how I communicate to others in person and on social media can have a dramatic affect on a family's reputation and well-being,

RECALLING that families participate in youth sports programs for numerous reasons, and that the number one reason is to have fun,

MINDFUL that the coaches and league officials—who are selflessly volunteering their time to teach the game of baseball to all of the players—may have much more or much less training and experience in the game of baseball than I,

ACKNOWLEDGING that I have read, understood, and will do my best to fulfill the promises made herein, and

AWARE that any violation of the these codes may jeopardize my privilege to attend future games,

I, AND MY GUESTS, PROMISE:

1. To be a positive role model for my child on and off the field, and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, umpires, and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
2. To avoid any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any league official, umpire, coach, player, parent, or sponsor including, but not limited to:
  - a. Booing and Taunting
  - b. Using profane language or gestures
  - c. Threats, Harassment, or Intimidation
  - d. Using social media platforms away from the field as a mechanism to publicly facilitate any of the above
3. To maintain my composure in both victory and defeat and will NOT publicly criticize umpires' calls or be disrespectful to any league official, umpire, coach, player, parent, or sponsor.
4. To uphold the authority of league officials and umpires assigned to the contests which I attend and will assist them in every way to conduct fair and impartial contests.
5. To discourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of athletes.
6. To see to it that my child treats other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect at all times regardless of race, creed, color, sex, or ability.

7. To never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
8. To refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the registered coaches for the team or specifically asked by one of the team's coaches for assistance.

## Ejections and Suspensions

If a spectator is ejected from a game by an umpire or league official, they must leave the facility. They will not be permitted to attend the next game on the schedule, nor will they be allowed to attend games during the suspension. If a participant or spectator is ejected from 2 games during a season, they will be suspended indefinitely.

The Board of Directors has exclusive authority over the duration of suspensions according to the severity of the infraction. The Board of Directors reserves the right to review the eligibility standing moving forward for any participant or spectator previously suspended under this policy. Additionally, the Board of Directors reserves the right to immediately ban any participant or spectator from the playing facilities when it deems it to be in the best interest of the participants or of the program.