

FREETOWN YOUTH ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

Code of Conduct - Baseball

In order to create the best environment to learn and play the game of baseball, it is expected that coaches, players, and their parents conduct themselves in a manner befitting sportsmanlike behavior as described in the **Official MLB Playing Rules** of Babe Ruth League, Inc., specifically Rules 3.14, 4.06, 4.07, 4.08 and 4.15. Conduct of any one associated with a team must also be in accordance with the following principles:

- All participants must be respectful to their opposition, teammates, coaches, umpires and spectators.
- Mutual respect and positive attitudes are essential. These behaviors must be reinforced in every way.
- All spectators, regardless of their team affiliation should applaud all good plays during a game.
- The game is for the benefit of the children, not the adults. By learning the game in the proper atmosphere of respect and sportsmanship, each child will learn to demonstrate good sportsmanlike conduct.
- There will be no behaviors tolerated that would bring embarrassment to any child and their team.
- The home plate umpire has full authority at a game to enforce the rules.
- Any discussion with an umpire with regards to a specific occurrence in a game shall be done only by the team's manager and only in an appropriate manner that is respectful and in accordance with the rules.
- An umpire or league official can warn any individual about their behavior, ask the individual to leave the game or the premises, and follow-up that infraction with a written warning citing the consequences of their behavior.

I understand that one infraction will result in a warning from the league. A second infraction will result in suspension from the league for one full year from the date of infraction.

A parent who is disciplined for any infraction will jeopardize their child's participation in the league. Any parent who commits a second infraction at any time that their child is registered to play in the league will result in having their child suspended from the league as well for one full year from the date of infraction.

All adults involved in the league as league officials, managers, coaches, and parents must keep control of themselves and show by example how they want children to behave on and off the field.

I understand the above rules related to sportsmanlike conduct and the discipline that is the consequence of non-sportsmanlike behavior.

Parent(s) Signature(s): _____

Player's Signature: _____

Date: _____