

# All-Star Tournament Series Code of Conduct

All-Star Tournament Series is dedicated to fostering a positive and encouraging environment for youth baseball. We believe that the involvement of parents, siblings, family, and friends is crucial to the success of the series. To maintain the spirit of sportsmanship and ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, we have established the following Code of Conduct.

## 1. Sportsmanship:

Coaches, players, parents, and spectators are expected to uphold a high standard of sportsmanship. Negative interactions, harassment of umpires, verbal or physical altercations, hazing, and organized chanting or cheering directed at opposing teams or players will not be tolerated. Reports of unsportsmanlike behavior will be investigated by the All-Star Tournament Series Staff and may result in disciplinary action, including suspension.

## 2. Treatment of Umpires:

All participants and spectators must accept and respect umpire decisions. No questioning of “judgment” calls is allowed, and actions that undermine umpire authority will not be tolerated. Abusive language, equipment throwing, or any violent behavior directed at umpires is strictly prohibited.

- **\*Warning:** Any spectator or player engaging in such actions will receive a warning from the umpires.
- ***Ejection:*** A second offense will result in ejection from the game and removal from the tournament field areas.
- ***Suspension:*** Unsportsmanlike behavior resulting in a game ejection carries an automatic additional one-game suspension. Subsequent ejections will lead to longer suspensions, up to and including a season-ending suspension.

## 3. Reporting Abuse:

Instances of abuse towards players, umpires, and coaches will be reported immediately to the All-Star Tournament Series Staff. Abusive fans may be banned without warning, and penalties, including player suspension, may be imposed.

## 4. Coaches' Behavior:

Coaches and coaching staff must always exemplify sportsmanship. Coaches are responsible for discouraging unsportsmanlike conduct within their teams and among spectators.

- ***Interactions with Umpires:*** Coaches may not challenge umpire rulings during or after a game. Any violation is considered unsportsmanlike conduct. In the event of an injured player, a coach is advised to promptly enter the playing field upon calling for a timeout, ensuring timely assistance to the injured player.
- ***Reporting Umpire Concerns:*** Coaches reporting concerns about an umpire's skills or behavior should contact the All-Star Tournament Series Director or Operations Coordinator for follow-up.

## **5. Misconduct:**

Coaches reported for misconduct or unsportsmanlike behavior will be investigated by the All-Star Tournament Series Staff. Examples of misconduct include disputing umpire decisions, using obscene language, and berating players, umpires, coaches, families, or spectators. Consequences may include warnings, immediate suspensions, or suspension for the remainder of the season, depending on the severity and recurrence of the offense.

## **6. Additional Consequences:**

Any member of the All-Star Tournament Series found to flagrantly disregard the rules and expectations outlined in this Code of Conduct may face further consequences. Flagrant violations may result in disciplinary actions, including suspension from future tournaments or involvement with the organization.

Together, let's ensure the All-Star Tournament Series remains a fun, encouraging, and positive experience for everyone involved. Your cooperation and adherence to this Code of Conduct are essential to creating a respectful and enjoyable atmosphere for youth baseball.