

# BETH - WOOD BASEBALL LEAGUE 2023 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS {MINORS & MAJORS ONLY}

The **Beth** - **Wood Baseball League** (**B** - **W**) is affiliated with Babe Ruth League Inc. (Baseball) with International Headquarters located in Hamilton, NJ. This is a Program of serving our Youth and is geared to provide an outlet of healthful activity and training under good leadership in the atmosphere of wholesome community participation.

The movement is dedicated to help children become good and decent citizens and to help establish a sense of teamwork and fair play. This Program also strives to instill within the individual a goal thereby helping to enrich their lives toward the day when they must take their place in the world.

#### CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

- 1. All Players in the Minors and Majors must sign the Code of Conduct on the signature line provided at the end of this form acknowledging that they have read the Code and understand its provisions.
- 2. <u>NO</u> Player shall boo, jeer, catcall, use profanity, make any sign with their hands, throw their helmets / equipment / bats in disgust or in any way perform any action that is designed to disrupt the Umpire's responsibilities or the other Team. Breach of this provision is the Umpire's and the Team Manager's responsibility: for the first offense, the Player will be warned by the Umpire, as well as the Player's Manager; should it happen a second time during the same game, that Player will be subject to automatic expulsion from the game. Should another Player on that same Team be in breach of this provision, then the Team will receive an automatic out for that offense.
- 3. All Players shall be fully uniformed at <u>ALL</u> games (baseball pants, Team jerseys and Team hats) taking care that any jackets or sweaters are worn beneath their uniform jersey. Pitchers shall be excused from this Rule while on base or on the bench only.

In addition, all catcher's  $\underline{MUST}$  wear proper protection, including an athletic cup.



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- 4. All Players not fielding, at bat, on deck or warming up at their Manager's direction, MUST confine themselves to the designated seating / dugout area.
- 5. <u>NO</u> Player shall leave the field at any time without first notifying their Team Manager / Coaches and getting their permission to do so.
- 6. <u>NO</u> Player shall make any protest to the Umpires directly but shall inform their Manager of the complaint, first by requesting time and second by addressing their Manager in a reasonable voice taking care not to involve the spectators.
- 7. For safety purposes, <u>NO</u> jewelry of any kind (watches, chains, necklaces, etc.) may be worn by any Player while playing baseball (during games, practices or warm-ups)!!
- 8. Players are informed that the conduct of the spectators is generally determined by their actions on the ballfield. If a Player shows anger, eventually fans rooting for this Team will show the same attitude.
  - Players are required to show the utmost respect to their Team Manager, League Commissioner, Player-Agent, Coaches, Umpires and / or their Teammates or Players on the opposing Team at ALL times. If a Player talks back or shows any type of disrespect to any of these individuals, the Manager has the right to bench and / or suspend that Player following a verbal warning to the respective Player and his / her Parents to refrain from doing so. Any and all such action MUST be brought to the immediate attention of the B W League Commissioner and Player-Agent. Bullying will NOT BE TOLERATED under any circumstances and ALL Players are to treat others as they wish to be treated with the utmost respect and courtesy!!
- 9. If a Player gets ejected from a game due to a severe breach of any of the above Code of Conduct items, this Player is not only ejected from this game but is also suspended for the next scheduled game as well.



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10. Should a Player be suspended for conduct that is deemed severe and detrimental to the Policies set forth by the B - W Executive Board, then this Player may be subject to automatic suspension for the remainder of the Season and / or future participation in the B - W.

# LET'S KEEP OUR GAMES A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE - IT IS CONTAGIOUS !!!

## SHOW GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AT ALL TIMES !!!

As a Player, I hereby acknowledge that I have read the above-stated Player Code of Conduct, that I understand the terms and conditions of said Code, and that I will abide by the terms and conditions of said Code.

NO NEED TO EXECUTE - THIS FORM MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED / AGREED TO WHEN PARENTS REGISTER THEIR CHILDREN TO PARTICIAPTE IN BETH - WOOD BASEBALL. WHEN A PARENT ACKNOWEDGES THIS DURING REGISTRATION, THEIR CHILDREN DULY ACKNOWLEDGE THEY WILL ABIDE BY THIS CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE CHILDREN IN THIS FAMILY WHO WILL BE PLAYING.