

BYSBA End of Season Tournament Code of Conduct

Promoting Sportsmanship, Safety & Respect

At BYSBA, we are committed to creating a **positive, respectful, and encouraging environment** for youth baseball and softball. As we welcome players, coaches, families, and fans from across the region, we ask all participants to uphold these shared values. This **Code of Conduct** applies to **everyone** involved—players, coaches, umpires, parents, siblings, and spectators.

Your cooperation ensures that the tournament remains a **safe, fair, and enjoyable experience** for all.

1. Sportsmanship is Non-Negotiable

- All players, coaches, and spectators are expected to demonstrate **respect and good sportsmanship** at all times.
 - Negative behavior—including **taunting, harassment, bullying, chanting against opponents, physical confrontations, or hazing**—will not be tolerated.
 - The BYSBA Board reserves the right to investigate reports of misconduct and take appropriate action, up to and including **ejection from the tournament or notification of local authorities (Burnet PD)** for serious incidents.
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2. Respect for Umpires

- Umpires' decisions are **final**. Arguing balls, strikes, or judgment calls is not allowed.
- **Verbal abuse, physical gestures, throwing equipment, or other disrespectful behavior** directed at umpires is grounds for disciplinary action.

Enforcement Process:

- **First offense:** Verbal warning

- **Second offense:** Immediate ejection from the field and removal from tournament grounds
 - **Ejected participants** (players, coaches, or spectators) receive a **mandatory one-game suspension**. Repeated violations may lead to **removal from the tournament entirely**.
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3. Reporting Inappropriate Behavior

- Any abusive behavior toward umpires, players, coaches, or spectators should be reported **immediately** to a BYSBA Board Member.
 - BYSBA reserves the right to remove any **abusive fan or participant** without warning.
 - In some cases, consequences may extend to the player or team associated with the individual.
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4. Coach Responsibilities

- Coaches must lead by example and ensure their teams, assistants, and spectators uphold this Code of Conduct.
- Unsportsmanlike behavior by a player, coach, or spectator can lead to **disciplinary action against the head coach**, including ejection.
- Coaches may **not dispute umpire calls during or after games**.
- In the case of an injury, coaches may enter the field **only after calling for and receiving time out**.

Umpire Concerns:

Coaches with concerns about umpire conduct or performance should reach out after the game to:

Derek Doyle, BYSBA President — 512-745-0228

5. Coach Misconduct & Consequences

- Coaches found guilty of misconduct (e.g., berating players, challenging umpires, using profane language, or encouraging negative behavior) will be subject to review by the BYSBA Board.

 - Disciplinary action may include:
 - Official warnings
 - Immediate suspension
 - Suspension for the remainder of the tournament
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6. Serious Violations & Further Consequences

- Any participant—player, coach, or spectator—who **flagrantly violates** this Code of Conduct may face:
 - Removal from the event
 - Suspension from future BYSBA tournaments or activities
 - Escalation to their home league for further disciplinary review
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Let's Finish the Season the Right Way

The BYSBA End of Season Tournament is a celebration of effort, growth, and community across leagues. Let's work together to create an atmosphere that's **fun, respectful, and full of great memories** for all.

Your support in upholding these standards is greatly appreciated—thank you for being a part of something bigger than just the game.

End-of-Season Tournament Player Code of Conduct

This tournament brings together players from different teams and leagues to celebrate the sport we love. To ensure a positive and respectful experience for everyone, all players are expected to follow the guidelines below:

- **I will prioritize good sportsmanship** in all games and interactions, showing respect regardless of the outcome.
- **I will be a supportive and committed teammate**, giving my best effort during every game and encouraging others in a positive way.
- **I will show respect** to my teammates, coaches, umpires, opponents, and tournament staff at all times.
- **I understand that unsportsmanlike behavior** may result in immediate removal from a game or the entire tournament.
- **Serious or repeated violations** of conduct may result in expulsion from the event and notification to the player's home league.
- **Bullying, profanity, taunting, and inappropriate gestures** will not be tolerated under any circumstances.
- **I will honor all game commitments** and notify my coach in advance if I am unable to attend.
- **I will take care of my gear and respect shared facilities**, never throwing equipment in frustration.
- **I will represent myself, my team, and my league** with pride and integrity, both on and off the field.
- **Most importantly, I will enjoy the tournament**, play hard, and have FUN!

End-of-Season Tournament Parent & Spectator Code of Conduct

As this tournament brings together teams from multiple leagues, we ask all parents, guardians, and spectators to help create a respectful, safe, and fun environment for every player. The following expectations apply to all attendees:

- **Sportsmanship comes first.** I will lead by example—showing respect, encouragement, and positive support to all players, coaches, officials, and fellow fans.
- **I understand my behavior reflects on my child** and their team. I am responsible for the conduct of myself and any family members attending the tournament.
- **I will ensure my player arrives on time** for games and is prepared with the appropriate uniform, gear, and water.
- **I will respect the coaches** and their decisions. They are volunteering their time and working in the best interest of the team.
- **I will respect the umpires.** Mistakes may happen, but I understand that arguing or shouting from the stands only makes things worse.
- **I will not coach from the sidelines.** I understand that conflicting instructions can confuse and distract players. My role is to support, not direct.
- **I will show respect for all players, coaches, and fans**— including those from opposing teams. Positive energy builds a better tournament for everyone.

- **Abusive language, taunting, profanity, or inappropriate gestures** will not be tolerated at any time.
- **Alcohol and drugs are strictly prohibited** at all tournament venues.
- **Any unsportsmanlike behavior** may result in immediate removal from the event. Severe or repeated incidents may lead to removal from the tournament entirely and communication with the offender's home league.

Let's work together to create a tournament atmosphere that our players will remember for the right reasons—**great competition, great memories, and great sportsmanship.**