



# Bennington Reds Baseball

## CODE OF CONDUCT

**The Bennington Reds Baseball Organization has created this “Code of Conduct” for the sole purpose of ensuring a safe and fun environment for the children this organization was created for. I hereby agree:**

- At no time during the course of an event will a parent/spectator confront a coach for any reason. However, In the event of an emergency regarding the physical well being of a participant, parents/spectators should address a coach or game official.
- At no time during the course of an event will a coach allow themselves to be drawn into a confrontation in the presence of his/her players.
- At no time during the course of an event will a coach, parent, or participant use profanity or lewd gestures.
- At no time during the course of an event will a coach, parent or participant misuse or damage any equipment/facility.
- At no time during the course of an event will a parent involve themselves in a discussion of the rules or calls made by officials.
- At no time during the course of an event will a coach, parent, or participant be involved in an abusive verbal or physical confrontation with another coach, parent official or participant.
- At no time during an event will a coach, parent, or participant indulge in the use of tobacco, alcohol or drugs, or appear at an event under the influence of alcohol or drugs. Persons that need to smoke should do so out of sight of the event/facility.

### **Consequences for violating any of the above:**

- Physical abuse violations will result in an immediate and lifetime dismissal from Bennington Reds baseball in addition to a lifetime ban from events, facilities and fields operated by Bennington Reds baseball.
- A 1<sup>st</sup> violation, other than for physical abuse, may result in an immediate suspension handed down by the coaching staff of Bennington Reds baseball. Violators may be suspended from all Bennington Reds baseball operated events, facilities, and fields until a meeting can be scheduled between the violators and the coaching staff of Bennington Reds baseball to review the infraction and set the suspension duration.
- A 2<sup>nd</sup> violation may result in the immediate dismissal from all Bennington Reds baseball operated events, facilities and fields for 12 consecutive months. The 2<sup>nd</sup> violation will have no time limitations on the prior infraction. Infractions are cumulative and lifelong.

All infractions will be reviewed by the coaching staff of Bennington Reds baseball within 1 week of the incident to determine any and all consequences. Consequence decisions made by Bennington Reds baseball are final.

**By signing this document I acknowledge that I have read and fully understand the above code and its related consequences. I (as a coach, parent or participant) will adhere to the code and agree that any violation (by myself or my guests) can and will result in my suspension, and or termination from the team for up to a lifetime term as determined by the coaching staff of Bennington Reds baseball.**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Some additional points of emphasis every parent should consider/remember regarding youth sports:

- Children participate to have fun and the game is for them, not the adults.
- Be a positive role model for your child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or event.
- Do not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- Do not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
- Demand that your child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability, and teach your child to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- Learn the rules of the game and the league, and teach your child to play by these rules.
- Teach your child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so they will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- Praise your child for competing fairly and trying hard. Make your child feel like a winner every time.
- Never ridicule or yell at your child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Promote the emotional and physical well being of all athletes ahead of any personal desires for your own child to win.
- Respect all officials and their authority during games. Never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and only speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- Demand an environment for your child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and refrain from their use at all youth events, fields and facilities.
- Refrain from coaching your child or other players during games and practices unless you are one of the official coaches of the team or have been asked to assist by an official coach of the team.

**This Code of Conduct is fully endorsed by Bennington Reds baseball.**