



Warren Park Youth Baseball League Sportsmanship Pledges

WPYBL Coaches Pledge

IN MY WORDS AND ACTIONS, I PLEDGE TO:

1. Enthusiastically support and practice the philosophies of positive coaching, good sportsmanship, and everyone-plays.
2. Know the rules, and consult those rules before raising rules questions during/after games with other coaches, umpires or the league.
3. Emphasize to my players that they must abide by the rules of the game at all times.
4. Strive to teach my players the fundamentals of baseball, and then reinforce those fundamentals throughout the season.
5. Show respect for the calls made by all umpires. In cases where I have valid concerns, I will raise those concerns tactfully between innings or at the end of the game with the umpires in question.
6. Ensure that my team shows respect for our opponents, regardless of the outcome of the game.
7. Ensure a safe environment for all players on both teams.
8. Never verbally ridicule or physically touch a player in anger.
9. Collaborate actively and respectfully with the coaches on the other team before, during, and after the game.
10. Maintain the perspective that baseball is a game, to be played for fun.
11. Go over the WPYB Sportsmanship Pledges for Parents and for Players with all the parents and players on my team, and get their agreement to follow those pledges during the season.
12. Be prepared to intervene in any sportsmanship issues caused by the parents or players on my team, if these issues disrupt any game and cause the game's umpire to take action to resolve them.
13. Insist on a drug-, alcohol-, and tobacco-free sports environment for all children and agree to assist by refraining from their use at all WPYBL games, practices and events.

Printed Name & Team: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Notes:

- Types of violations of these pledges, corresponding sanctions, and a league process for deciding on sanctions will be described separately on the WPYB website (www.warrenparkyouthbaseball.org) prior to the beginning of the 2010 season.
- My signature on this pledge indicates that I understand and support these sanctions and the league's decision process.
- In case I observe a violation of WPYB pledges for Coaches, Parents or Players, or have valid concerns re: umpire conduct, the person to contact is Robert Johnston at 773-610-1442 or johnsto1@uic.edu.