

Lake Cities Baseball Association Code of Conduct Agreement

We would like the reputation and integrity of LCBA to be free of the effects of irresponsible conduct of teams, managers and coaches. The pressure that some teams, managers and coaches feel to win, even at the expense of fair and ethical behavior, produces actions that set a terrible example for the players. When such conduct goes unchecked, pressure mounts on other teams and coaches to respond in kind.

Manager's/Coaches' Responsibility and Code of Conduct

Manager and coaches are responsible for their own conduct and for the conduct of their players, parents and fans at all games. Abusive or obscene language, violent play, violent conduct or other behavior detrimental to the game will not be tolerated. Failure of a manager or coach to control his/ her players, parents and fans will result in action against him/her by the Coaches Conduct Committee.

Managers and coaches must refrain from loud, persistent or intrusive coaching of players from the dugout. Only the Manager, Coaches and/or team mom may be in the dugout (inside the fence) with the teams during the game. Parents and other spectators must remain outside the field of play. No coach may be out of the dugout when your team is on the field. Cheer and encourage from the dugout when your team is on the field. Do not abuse your players verbally. If you have not done your job in practice, it is too late on game day. Never comment on the other team. Let the game do it.

Almost every manager or coach has let slip a comment toward an umpire in the heat of a game. If you catch yourself doing so, stop, calm down and make sure no one on your sideline joins in. Explain to parents that, however the umpire may appear, he or she is trained in the rules of the game and is almost always better positioned than a spectator to see what actually happened. Point out that much of umpiring is judgment and that umpire is neutral while parents are not. Let them know that professional umpires miss and make wrong calls in every game. Two people watching 18 players in constant motion over 2 acres cannot see everything. It is your responsibility to set the tone for the conduct of your parents and fans.

If a manager, coach, parent, or fan becomes abusive in any way and you cannot quiet them, ask them to leave before the umpire or league official has to do so. Even your fans are your responsibility from the time you come on to the field until you leave.

The LCBA Board of Directors will review all reported incidents of behavior considered detrimental to the game. Any manager/coach that has been ejected from a game must leave the playing field area for the rest of the game. Failure to abide by this rule will constitute a forfeited game. A person ejected may be suspended from the program for the duration of the year upon review by the Executive Board. If a person is ejected twice in one season, they will be subject to suspension from LCBA. A person may be ejected from the park for poor conduct at the discretion of the Umpire or Official. Any threat made by a manager/coach, parent or any other person will not be tolerated. Threats will draw a punishment up to and including a 1-year suspension from LCBA, as well as possible criminal charges.

A manager's /coach's most important role is teaching young men and women about life. This involves setting some standards and a code of conduct. A manager/coach in LCBA must agree with the idea of being a role model for the players and their parents.

I hereby state that I have read and understand the Code of Conduct Agreement set forth by LCBA in this document. I also agree to abide by this agreement at all times. I understand the consequences of not doing so and will do my very best to be a positive role model all players, parents, umpires, league officials, and spectators alike.

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Manager/Coaches Signature: _____ Age Group: _____