

MTBSA Code of Conduct for Parents, Coaches, Officials, and Athletes

Youth sports programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social, and emotional development of children. It is essential for parents, coaches, and officials to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship and should lead by example by demonstrating fairness, respect, and self-control.

I therefore Pledge, to be responsible for my words and actions while attending, coaching, officiating, or participating in a MTBSA event and shall conform my behavior to the following code of conduct.

1. I will not engage in unsportsmanship conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other athlete.
2. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in unsportsmanlike conduct with any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee.
3. I will not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any other coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee.
4. I will not encourage my child, or any other person, to engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any other coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee .
5. I will not use drugs or alcohol while at a MTBSA event and will not attend, coach, officiate, or participate in a MTBSA event while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
6. I will not engage in the use of profanity.
7. I will not encourage my child or any other person to engage in the use of profanity.
8. I will treat any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, or ability.
9. I will not engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee.
10. I will not encourage my child to engage in verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee.
11. I will not initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee.
12. I will not encourage my child or any other person, to initiate a fight or scuffle with any coach, parent, player, participant, official, or any other attendee.

I hereby agree that if I fail to confirm my conduct to the forgoing while attending, coaching, officiating, or participating in a MTBSA event, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but not limited to the following:

- Verbal Warning by officials, coaches, and/or MTBSA Board Members
- Written Warning
- Any MTBSA player or coach thrown out of a game will serve a 1 game suspension per Little League rules and also a minimum 1 game suspension per MTBSA rules. Depending on the severity of the incident a hearing and possible parent, coach, or player season suspension
- Written documentation of incidents will be kept on league file.