

# OCYS/PIONEER YOUTH SPORTS CODE OF CONDUCT & SPORTSMANSHIP CONTRACT

OCYS is committed to providing every participant in the league with a positive baseball/softball experience. All participants in OCYS – the players, managers, coaches, board members, and parent helpers – are volunteers. The fabric of an all-volunteer participation league is held together by good sportsmanship and the mutual respect of everyone involved.

## **Good Sportsmanship is defined as:**

- Respecting, supporting, and encouraging my teammates in order to instill confidence and team commitment
- Being a humble winner and a gracious loser
- Cheering and encouraging all participants (on my team or the opposing team)
- Never speaking in a degrading or negative manner toward any participant
- Never using foul language
- Never throwing any equipment
- Never intentionally hurting, threatening or assaulting another participant

## **Process for Addressing Participant Concerns:**

- First, address the matter with the relevant person in charge (i.e. a parent/player issue with the head coach)
- Any matter that cannot be addressed between the affected parties shall be referred to the appropriate board member.
- Any matter that cannot be addressed with the assistance of the appropriate board member shall be referred to the entire Board of Directors for consideration.

## **Consequences for violations:**

- First offense – addressed by the head coach. Offender may be reprimanded or suspended for up to one game. In the case of a physical incident or altercation, the matter shall be addressed by the Ethics Chair & Committee.
- Second offense – addressed by the Ethics Chairperson, with wide discretion in the punishment, ranging from suspension to expulsion from the league.
- Third offense – addressed by the Board of Directors; suspension or expulsion probable.

## **Parent/Guardian Role in Supporting Sportsmanship:**

Parents/guardians may not approach players or coaches before, during or immediately after games with anything other than support. All questions/concerns regarding players/coaches will be addressed the day after the game in an atmosphere conducive to problem solving. OCYS expects a high standard of sportsmanship; therefore, there will be zero tolerance for parents who intimidate, interfere with, or physically or verbally abuse coaches, players, officials, parents or other fans at any league practices, games, or other events. The consequences of not following the parental rule of conduct **will** result in league action. On first offense you will be given a warning by the Ethics Chairperson. If a second offense occurs, the matter will be discussed by the Board of Directors and could result in your child being dismissed from play for the year.

By signing this form below, I/we are acknowledging our commitment to this contract. I/we will always treat our teammates, opponents, the umpires and spectators with the highest level of sportsmanship and respect.

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(Player's Printed Name)

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(Player's Signature)

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(Date)

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(Parent/Guardian Printed Name)

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