

## NEWMAN FAMILY CLUB BASEBALL PROGRAM

### FAN CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Although this IS a competitive league, with standings being kept, it is important to remember that the key reason for being here is to allow the children to have fun while learning valuable skills like teamwork and sportsmanship. Please help us to reinforce with the players that we are here to have fun, NOT to "win at all costs".
2. Our coaches are all volunteers, and they give up large quantities of their time to help this league run smoothly. Please give them the respect they deserve for the effort they put forth, and allow them to handle the coaching duties, rather than trying to coach your child from the sidelines. Should there be an issue or disagreement, feel free to ask the coach for a few minutes to discuss AFTER the game - they only want the best for the kids, and will happily answer any questions you may have. Also, it makes the coach's job much more difficult if the players are constantly mixed in with the spectators - please assist us in keeping the players with their team as much as possible during the game.
3. No coach or player is receiving an MLB contract based on their performance in this league, nor is anybody getting "cut" or fired. Putting pressure on the kids to perform would be counteractive to the mission of this league, so please help us keep the kids relaxed by remaining relaxed as fans and simply enjoying the game - which is easy, because these kids are a lot of fun to watch!
4. There will be poor umpiring. It is a fact of sports. Our umpires (like the coaches) are all volunteer, and they do the best they possibly can to make all of the right calls all of the time. But they will make mistakes. They are human. Please give them the respect they deserve - no matter what you may think, they do not "play favorites" or possess any bias. If you feel an umpire has made an egregious error, the issue can be taken up postgame with Commissioner Chris and/or Coach Norm (or Ump Mike on the 6-9 level) and the umpire in question, preferably in a calm and understanding fashion. 😊
5. These games are always a lot of fun, often very exciting and usually quite competitive. It can certainly lead to much enthusiasm and engagement from the fans - which is fantastic. It's great for the kids to hear the crowd cheering them on. The key element to remember is that the game is about the kids - ALL the kids, including the opposing team. We know most people watching the game will have a rooting interest, but we simply ask that the opposing team's players receive your respect, even while you cheer on your child or team. Nobody at this level deserves to be booed - they're all putting on the best show they can.

To sum it up simply, we want this program to be fun for everybody - all of the kids, the volunteers and the fans as well. So let's all do our best to be positive influences every time we're at the Club for baseball, because the children need our help to become the best PEOPLE they can possibly be.

*\*\*\*In the interest of ensuring the best possible experience for the children, Commissioner Chris and Ump Mike (6-9 division) reserve the right to remove any fan or coach who is in repeated or egregious violation of this code. No child or team will ever be penalized during the game due to the actions of a fan or coach.*