

DARTMOUTH YOUTH ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

Obligations and Code of Conduct for Managers, Coaches, Players and Parents

The Dartmouth Youth Activities Association is dedicated to helping youth learn good sportsmanship, competitive spirit, fair play and the fundamentals of baseball, football and basketball. Organized sports involves teaching children the aspects of teamwork, the virtues of character, courage, and loyalty, a respect of authority and the self-discipline that will enable our youth to lead our nation tomorrow.

Managers, coaches, players, parents and spectators are all representatives of their team and bound by the DYAA Obligations and Code of Conduct. Conduct inconsistent with these requirements by any manager, coach, player, parent or other spectator shall be subject to appropriate action as determined by the DYAA Board of Directors.

Managers, Coaches, Players, Parents and other Spectators

- A team's reputation is built not only on its playing ability, but also on its sportsmanship.
- Cheer for, never against, players and teams.
- Show respect for the umpires/referees at all times in words and deeds. Accept decisions of officials as being fair and called to the best of their ability.
- Use of obscene language or gestures is unsportsmanlike and will not be tolerated at any time. Any action is grounds for immediate ejection of the manager, coach, player, parent or other spectator.
- No use of tobacco products while on school grounds.
- No alcohol or drug usage while in contact with the players.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Managers & Coaches

- Safety is an absolute priority at all times.
- Teach your players the rules and fundamental skills of the game.
- Encourage your players with positive, constructive comments. Comments that berate, embarrass or humiliate a player are inappropriate at any time and under any circumstances.
- Respect the umpires/referees. Approaching an umpire/referee (with his/her permission) to quietly ask him/her to explain a call is acceptable. "Working" them in any way, including "persuading", complaining or intimidating (intentionally or not), is not acceptable. Similarly, any non-verbal gesture or body language that displays disagreement with an umpire/referees call is not acceptable.

- Managers who become aware of anyone acting contrary to this Code shall immediately direct them to stop.
- You are a role model for your team. Set a good example.

Players

- Respect all managers, coaches, umpires/referees and officials at all times. What they say goes.
- Respect your teammates and your opponents.
- Be positive and try your best at all times. Don't point fingers at your teammates. Encourage them with positive comments and they'll do the same with you.
- Be on time to practices and games. If you cannot be there be sure to give your coach ample warning, your team is expecting you to be there and to do the very best you can.

Parents and other Spectators

- Managers, coaches and other officials are volunteering their time to help your child. Please respect and encourage them.
- Let the managers and coaches do their jobs. If you want to manage or coach a team, sign up as a volunteer and do so. Positive comments are always welcome before and after the game. If you have questions or concerns, however, please take them up with the manager in private.
- Respect the judgment of the umpires/referees. If you think you can do a better job, we're always looking for adult umpire/referee volunteers.
- Please pick your child up promptly. Managers must wait until all players are accounted for so try not to add more to the time commitment they already have. Make alternate arrangements if necessary.
- **Practice Good Sportsmanship.** Players learn by example and parents set the most powerful example. Please act accordingly.

Violations

Persons found violating this Code during a game will be subject to ejection from that game. Any manager, coach, player, or spectator ejected from a game is automatically suspended from that team's next game. The penalty for violating that suspension is an automatic forfeit. Any person ejected from two games during the season will be suspended for the remainder of the season unless reinstated by the DYAA Board of Directors. If at any time the conduct of a manager, coach, player, parent or spectator is determined to be detrimental and/or contrary to the best interests of the League, the DYAA Board of Directors retains the right to suspend that person from further participation of any kind and for whatever period of time is deemed reasonable and proper by the Board.