



Lincoln Rebels Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

The Lincoln Rebels Baseball Organization has implemented the following Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct to reinforce the important role parents and guardians play in supporting youth players. All parents/guardians are required to read, understand, and sign this form prior to their player's participation in the Lincoln Rebels Youth Baseball program.

We believe the essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and the following six core principles:

Respect • Trustworthiness • Fairness • Responsibility • Caring • Good Citizenship

As a parent/guardian of a Lincoln Rebels player, I agree to the following:

- I will be a positive role model for my player by demonstrating sportsmanship, respect, and courtesy toward all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every Lincoln Rebels game, practice, or event. This includes refraining from unsportsmanlike conduct such as booing, taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
- I will remember that our coaches are volunteers, and I will show them respect and support their efforts.
- I will not encourage or tolerate behavior that could endanger the health or well-being of any player.
- I will ensure my player treats all players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect and dignity, and I will not have negative conversations with my player about teammates, coaches, or coaching decisions.
- I will remember that the game is for the players, not for me. I will keep sports in proper perspective, putting players' well-being ahead of winning, and I will never ridicule or yell at any player for a mistake, only positive encouragement. If my player is frustrated about something, I will ask them to speak with their coach first, then follow up with me respectfully.
- At no time will I, or anyone associated with me or my player, physically engage with any player, coach, volunteer, official, or board member.
- I will expect a sports environment free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol.
- I will refrain from coaching my player or other players during games and practices, unless asked to assist by a coach.
- I will not use social media or other electronic communication to disparage or degrade any player, coach, volunteer, or the organization, and I will hold my player to this same standard.
- I understand that failure to comply with this Code of Conduct, including the 24-Hour Rule below, may result in disciplinary action and may affect my player's continued participation in the organization.



The 24-Hour Rule

Coaches need to give their full attention to players before, during, and after games and practices, and emotions tend to run high immediately following a game. To avoid reacting on initial emotion rather than after time to think it through, the organization follows a 24-Hour Rule:

Any player or parent/guardian who is upset with a coach, for any reason, should wait 24 hours before raising it with a coach or board member. This cooling-off period lets everyone discuss the issue in a calmer, more professional manner.

After the 24-hour period, issues should be raised in this order:

1. Head Coach
2. Team Parent Representative
3. Parent Board
4. Executive Board, as the final step

I will not approach a coach with a complaint or criticism before this 24-hour period has passed.

Consequences

Failure to comply with this Code of Conduct may result in any of the following, as determined by the Parent Board:

- A verbal or written warning from a coach or board member
- Suspension from one or more games, up to complete removal from all further practices, games, and organization activities