

## 8.0 Player/Parent Agreement

It is the hope of the Buckeye Valley Summer Baseball League to allow every player, parent, official and coach enjoy their experience while participating in this program. In an attempt to prevent one person from ruining this experience, the Commissioners have adopted the below mandatory agreement for each player and parent who are involved. It is important to note that the Commissioners hope they never have to use the agreement for disciplinary reasons, but feel that now is the time to take steps to assure there is a method of removing non-desirable influences from our young athletes. The intent of this rule is to give every player and parent a fair opportunity to correct any momentary loss of control, while reducing the negative impact on those around. Again, it is the Commissioner's hope that this rule will never be used for discipline.

- 8.1 Each participant in the Buckeye Valley Summer Baseball program must sign the Player Parent Agreement form. In addition, at least one parent or person acting in the capacity of a parent, living in the same home as the player, must also sign the agreement.
- 8.2 The Player/Parent Review Board will be made up of the area Vice-Presidents, also know as the Commissioners (Ashley, Bellepoint, Kilbourne, Ostrander, Radnor), and shall not include any other elected official of the league (Scheduler, Rules commissioner, etc.).
- 8.3 The Review Board may ask witnesses, including the League Scheduler, Rules Commissioner, etc. to give testimony at the time the Review Board hears any complaint. They may also request other witnesses to the events, including the accused person(s), to give testimony. The accused party, or members of that person's family, may not be forced to testify and the Commissioners will not use the person's lack of testimony as proof of any guilt.
- 8.4 Only an area President (or Vice President in the President's absence) may bring a complaint to the Review Board for consideration.
- 8.5 The Review Board will use the following list of progressive discipline in all but the rarest of situations. However, if the Review Board feels the violation is so serious as to warrant more discipline than scheduled by the below steps they may, by a majority vote, invoke a higher level of discipline. Note: There is no expiration of violations.
  - 8.1.1 First Violation: Warning Letter Personally given to the violating party(ies).
  - 8.1.2 Second Violation: Suspension of the Player involved in that contest for one Game and the Parent being ordered not to attend the game involved in the suspension.
  - 8.1.3 Third Violation: Suspension of the Player involved in that contest for the remainder of the season and Parent being ordered not to attend any Summer Baseball League events (including another child's) for the remainder of the season.
  - 8.1.4 Fourth Violation: Suspension of the Player involved in that event for the remainder of their playing years and Parent being ordered to not attend any Summer Baseball League events (including another child's) for the next two seasons.
- 8.6 The Review Board will prepare and sign all Warning Letters, as well as any suspension notification letters. The area President who represents the team that the Player or Parent is on will be responsible for personally delivering such letters to the Player and Parent. The Delaware County Sheriff's Department will also be given a copy of any suspension letter and if the Review Board feels it necessary a restraining order will be obtained by the appropriate legal entity by the League President.
- 8.7 There is no appeal for any discipline imposed by the Review Board.

## **Player's Code of Conduct**

Play for FUN!

Work hard to improve your skills.

Be a team player – get along with your teammates.

Learn teamwork, sportsmanship and discipline.

Be on time for practices and games.

Learn the roles, and play by them. Always be a good sport.

Respect your coaches, your teammate, your parents, opponents and officials.

Never argue with the official's decision.

## **Parent's Code of Conduct**

Do not force your children to participate in sports, but support their desires to play their chosen sport.

Children should be involved in organized sports for their enjoyment. Make it fun.

Encourage your child to play by the rules. Remember, children learn best by examples, so applaud

The good plays of both teams.

Do not embarrass your child by yelling at players, coaches, or officials. By showing a positive attitude

Towards the game and all of its participants, your child will benefit.

Emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit your young athlete.

De-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.

Know and study the rules of the game, and support the officials on and off the field. This approach will

Help in the development and support of the game. Any criticism of the official only hurts the game.

Applaud a good effort in victory and in defeat and enforce the positive points of the game. Never yell or

Physically abuse your child after a game or practice – it is destructive. Work towards removing the physical and verbal abuse in our youth sports.

Recognize the importance of volunteer coaches. They are very important to the development of your child and the sport. Communicate with them and support them.

If you enjoy the game, learn all you can about the game, and VOLUNTEER!

I undersigned Player and Parent agree to abide by these rules. I also understand that violation of these rules may lead to suspension or expulsion from participating in or observing any Buckeye Valley Summer Baseball League event.

Player's Signature / Date

Parent's Signature / Date