

Gateway Babe Ruth Code of Conduct

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Each coach, player, and parent is expected to read, understand and sign our Code of Conduct. If for any reason a player violates any of these expectations they are subject to disciplinary action by their appointed coach. The Gateway Baseball League Board of Directors reserves the right to impose additional sanctions for infractions that are of a serious matter. (Examples: fighting, drug use, consumption of alcohol on school premises)

CORI Compliance- It is the responsibility of each Charter President to ensure that all head coaches, and assistant coaches submit CORI forms for review by the individual charter. It is the responsibility of each charter to keep current CORI records on file.

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Let's not forget that Gateway Players who are trying to learn the game of baseball have some fun. Our goals are to promote the enjoyment of the game, fair play, sportsmanship, tolerance, respect and self-esteem through proper conduct, example and instruction. A win-at-all-costs attitude is not required, nor will it be tolerated.

Any coach, player, parent or fan using profane and negative language will be ejected from the game and the premises.

Any player or coach responsible for unnecessary roughness and violent conduct will be ejected from the game. This is unacceptable behavior and will be subject to disciplinary action by the Gateway Board of Directors

Any player or coach who deliberately throws equipment will be ejected from the game and is subject to disciplinary action by the Gateway Board of Directors.

COACHES TO ENFORCE EXCESSIVE CHANTING RULE

Excessive and disruptive chanting will not be tolerated. Players are to only encourage their own teammates as taunting of the other team is a clear demonstration of poor sportsmanship and will not be tolerated. Excessive chanting may result in a player's ejection from the game. At no time are players allowed to chant while the pitcher of either team is in the process of pitching. It will be the umpire crew's responsibility to maintain control for the game.

COACHES

- Only the use of positive reinforcement is considered appropriate.
- Promote honesty, teamwork, fair play and responsibility.
- Treat your players with dignity and respect regardless of their athletic ability. Reward their efforts, more than their skills.
- Encourage and motivate your players with patient and positive talk. Be a good role model. Do not let your players get down on themselves.
- Help your players to improve their athletic skills, their knowledge of the game, their physical condition, their ability to control their emotions and their self-esteem.
- Remind them at all times to be respectful of their teammates and their opponents.
- Although there may be circumstances which warrant discipline of a player, a coach must still respect the player and treat him or her with dignity. If further action is required, the parent will be asked to remove his child from the field.

INTERACTIONS WITH UMPIRES

- Confrontations / attacks of any kind by your coaches, players, or parents and fans on the umpires is strictly prohibited.
- Coaches and players are not to challenge judgment calls by the umpire. It is acceptable to challenge the interpretation of a rule, but only in a courteous non-confrontational manner.
- In the unfortunate event that a player or coach is ejected from a game all discussion **MUST** stop upon dismissal. Any carryover of the confrontation outside the field of play (*surrounding grounds/ parking lots.. ect..*) is grounds for immediate suspension and may result in permanent dismissal from the league at the discretion of the Gateway Board of Directors
- Do not play any player who is over age, not registered, sick or injured. Never put a player in harm's way. Ensure they are using and wearing the proper equipment. Your player's well-being and safety are priority #1.
- Report any incident that may violate any rule or standard of conduct or reflect adversely on the league to your league president.
- Keep your ego out of coaching and try to make the experience interesting, enriching and fun.

PLAYERS

Be on time for practices and games, with all your equipment and in full uniform for games. Tuck your shirt in. Don't forget your water bottle! If you are going to be absent, let your coach know ahead of time.

- Never wear shorts or jewelry to games and practices. Always wear an athletic support. Otherwise, you might hurt yourself.
- Play fairly and follow the rules. Try your best. Always be alert. Have fun!
- Be honest, fair and do the right the thing.
- Think before you act, take responsibility for your actions and keep your promises.
- Support, respect and cooperate with your teammates and coaches.
- Be courteous to the umpires, the other team and its coaches. Always be polite and positive, never argue. In the unfortunate event that a player is ejected from a game all discussion **MUST** stop upon dismissal. Any carryover of the confrontation outside the field of play (*surrounding grounds/ parking lots.. ect..*) is grounds for immediate suspension and may result in permanent dismissal from the league at the discretion of the Gateway Board of Directors
- Bad and negative language, violent behavior and fighting are not allowed. Violation of these rules is grounds for immediate suspension and may result in permanent dismissal from the league at the discretion of the Gateway Board of Directors. If there is a problem, tell your coach.
- A player who maliciously runs into another player is to be declared out (unless he/she has scored prior to the infraction) and is to be automatically ejected (whether or not declared out). Contact shall be considered malicious if:
 1. The contact is the result of intentional excessive force, and/or,
 2. There is intent to injure.
- Cheering during a game should be for encouraging your teammates, not against the other team. No taunting or distracting the opposing pitchers, fielders or batters especially when they are in action of a pitch, a play in the field or swinging at a pitch. Trash talking or swearing will not be tolerated. Ejection and suspension action may be taken by Umpire or League official. (see Chanting Rule above).
- When the game is finished, before you leave, pick up all garbage and put it in the trash can. Help your coach put away the team's equipment. Thank your coaches. Collect all your equipment and personal belongings. . Inappropriate texting, tweeting, facebook or any other type of communication between players will not be tolerated.

- Coaches and Board Members reserve the right to suspend/take disciplinary action against a player(s), if the player does not follow the code of conduct.

PARENTS AND FANS

- Try to ensure your child arrives at least 30 minutes prior to a game or practice, or according to the coach's instructions.
- Never leave your child alone without warning the coach or asking another parent present to look over his or her welfare.
- When attending games or practices, please park in appropriate location, not on grass or sidewalks. Please respect our parks and neighbors. Drive carefully at all times. Beware of young children in the vicinity.
- You must respect and support all players, the coaches and the umpires. Never belittle or shout negative remarks to anyone. Foul and abusive language and conduct are strictly prohibited by anyone.
- Rooting should be for your team, not against the opposing team. Trash talk, taunting and negative rooting are not acceptable, regardless of the unsportsmanlike conduct of opposing players or coaches.
- Only the coach should question an umpire's call relating to the proper interpretation of a rule. Judgment calls should not be questioned. Parents and fans shall refrain from outbursts against the umpire.
- Parents and fans should respect the proper requests made of them by the coaches and umpires.
- Always put garbage in the trash cans. Encourage your children to do the same. When leaving the park, ensure everything has been picked up and nothing is left behind, including trash.
- Parents and fans should inform a member of the Gateway Babe Ruth Board of Directors of any improper conduct of a coach. Feedback is an important consideration for us when assessing the quality of our coaches and ensuring the well-being of all registered players. We rely on you to report any serious issues, infractions and to share constructive comments. All reports will be kept confidential and should be e-mailed to bamikef150@aol.com