



**BETH - WOOD BASEBALL LEAGUE
2010
CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS**

The **Beth - Wood Baseball League (B - W)**, formerly known as the *Woodbridge Fathers Baseball League (WFBL)*, founded in 1972, and *Bethany Summer League (BSL)* is affiliated with Babe Ruth League Inc. (Baseball) with International Headquarters located in Trenton, NJ. This is a Program of serving our Youth and is geared to provide an outlet of healthful activity and training under good leadership in the atmosphere of wholesome community participation.

The movement is dedicated to help children become good and decent citizens and to help establish a sense of teamwork and fair play. This Program also strives to instill within the individual a goal thereby helping to enrich their lives toward the day when they must take their place in the world.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PLAYERS

1. **NO** Player shall boo, jeer, catcall, use profanity, make any sign with their hands, throw their helmets / equipment / bats in disgust or in any way perform any action that is designed to disrupt the Umpire's responsibilities or the other Team. Breach of this provision is the Umpire's responsibility : for the first offense, the Player will be warned by the Umpire, as well as the Player's Manager ; should it happen a second time during the same game, that Player will be subject to automatic expulsion from the game. Should another Player on that same Team be in breach of this provision, then the Team will receive an automatic out for that offense.
2. All Players shall be fully uniformed at **ALL** games (baseball pants, Team jerseys and Team hats) taking care that any jackets or sweaters are worn ***beneath*** their uniform jersey. Pitchers shall be excused from this Rule while on base or on the bench only.

In addition, all catcher's **MUST** wear proper protection, including an athletic cup. Managers shall ensure each catcher on their Team is properly outfitted.



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3. All Players not fielding, at bat, on deck or warming up at their Manager's direction, **MUST** confine themselves to the designated seating / dugout area.
4. **NO** Player shall leave the field at any time without first notifying their Team Manager and getting the Manager's permission to do so.
5. **NO** Player shall make any protest to the Umpires directly but shall inform their Manager of the complaint, first by requesting time and second by addressing their Manager in a reasonable voice taking care not to involve the spectators.
6. For safety purposes, **NO** jewelry of any kind (watches, chains, necklaces, etc.) may be worn by any Player while playing baseball and / or softball (during games, practices or warm-ups) !!
7. Players are informed that the conduct of the spectators is generally determined by their actions on the ballfield. If a Player shows anger, eventually fans rooting for this Team will show the same attitude.

If a Player talks back or shows any type of disrespect to his / her Manager and / or Coaches at any time, the Manager has the right to bench and / or suspend that Player following a verbal warning to the respective Player and his / her Parents to refrain from doing so. Any such action must be brought to the immediate attention of the **B - W** League Commissioner and Player-Agent.

8. If a Player gets ejected from a game due to a severe breach of any of the above Code of Conduct items, in particular Item No. 1, this Player is not only ejected from this game but is also suspended for the next scheduled game as well.



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9. Should a Player be suspended for conduct that is deemed severe and detrimental to the Policies set forth by the ***B - W*** Executive Board, then this Player may be subject to automatic suspension for the remainder of the Season and / or future participation in the ***B - W***.
10. For Parents and / or Spectators attending ***B - W*** games, we request that you also abide by this Code of Conduct. It is extremely important as a Parent or Spectator that you exhibit a sense of fair play and support to all of the Players on the field, not only for your Team but the other as well.

Should there be spectators that become highly emotional or use profanity during the course of a game, the Manager of that Team is solely responsible for their behavior. Should it persist, the Umpires have the right to eject, after first giving a verbal warning, any and all spectators who exhibit this behavior from the ballfield site immediately, upon direction to that Team Manager accordingly. If a spectator is ejected and that Team Manager fails to comply with the Umpire's direction, that Team may be subject to forfeit.

***LET'S KEEP OUR GAMES A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE -
IT IS CONTAGIOUS !!!***

SHOW GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP AT ALL TIMES !!!