HARLEYSVILLE BASEBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

This code applies to all league officials, team managers, team coaches, team assistants, players, parents, spectators, or any person acting for or on behalf of the League. Violation of any or part of this Code will likely result in serious action against the offending person or persons; including the removal of a person or persons from the League, as determined by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors. The President shall have the power to suspend the offending person or persons for not more than two weeks pending the action of the Board of Directors. The President will further be empowered to appoint, on an interim basis, a person or persons to fill the vacancy created by the temporary suspension of said offending person or persons. If the President is an offending person, the Vice President will be empowered to act in the same manner as the President, pending the action of the Board of Directors.

- 1. Be a gentleman/lady at all times.
- 2. No smoking is permitted in the playing area, including foul ball and warm up areas. One warning may be given during a game. An ejection will occur on the second incident.
- 3. The team manager or the team coach or coaches may consult with an umpire concerning an umpire action or ruling before, during, or after a game. This consultation will be for the sole purpose of gaining clarification of an umpire action or ruling affecting a game. No argument with umpires is permitted. If the manager does not agree with an umpire's clarification on a *rule* application, the manager may protest the game and should immediately advise the umpire of intent to protest. No protest will be considered by the League on umpire judgment calls.
- 4. The team manager or the persons designated as managers for a given game are encouraged to assist team players in their making contact with their parent(s) or guardian(s) are responsible for picking up their children or arranging for the transportation of their children home after the completion of practices or games. Managers are further encouraged to wait with a player for the arrival of parent(s) or guardian(s) after a game. If the manager(s) are unable to render this assistance, the manager(s) should consider contacting a league official or another manager or coach for help.
- 5. Profanity in any form or obscene speech, or otherwise discourteous conduct will not be tolerated on or off the playing field. A player/manager/coach <u>can</u> receive one warning from the umpire about profanity and then must be ejected from the game with the second offense as determined by the umpire. An umpire, at his or her discretion, can eject a player/manager/coach without a warning.
- 6. Players on the field cannot wear jewelry. A team must be given one warning before an umpire can eject any player from the game. Note that only medical alert medallions will be permitted when secured to the player's body with a minimum of four inches of square gauze tape patch or equivalent.
- 7. Managers and coaches are responsible for supervision of their players. Any repeated misconduct or violation of this code of conduct, in the judgment of the umpire, could result in ejection from the game for the manager/coach.
- 8. If ejected from a game by the umpire, the ejected player is suspended for the NEXT game.
- 9. If a manager or coach is ejected from a game they are suspended for the NEXT THREE games.

- 10. The umpire who ejected the player and the manager from the opposing team of the ejected player must call the league president reporting the ejection. The president will keep records of all ejections.
- 11. Any player ejected from three (3) games in a season, will be suspended from further participation the remainder of the calendar year, including playoffs.
- 12. If there is malicious or flagrant contact during a base running incident in the judgment of the umpire, and the runner is ejected from the game, the player will be suspended for the NEXT TWO games.
- 13. If a player is ejected for fighting while participating in a Harleysville Baseball event he will be suspended for three games. The three games will be the next three of his team's regular season or playoff games; no matter what year these games are played. If he is ejected for fighting the last game of a year, the suspension carries over to the playoffs and/or the following year depending on how many games are played after the game in which he was rejected. If a player is ejected for fighting a 2nd time in his Harleysville Baseball career, he is permanently suspended from Harleysville Baseball.
- 14. Included in discourteous conduct is the intended threat to physically injure or harm another person or property or to actually cause said injury or harm to another person or property.