



Oswego Baseball Club Sportsmanship Policy

Everyone participating in Oswego Baseball Club, at all levels, whether as players, coaches, officials, parents or spectators, are entitled to do so in an environment of courtesy and safety. I therefore agree:

- I will remember that children play for their own fun and enjoyment, and winning is only one part of the game.
- I will show appreciation and respect for the other team. Without them, there would not be a game.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game and practice.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing, and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect always.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will demand a playing environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all games and practices.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

Warnings and Ejections

Any parent or spectator engaged in improper conduct at any game or practice will be subject to ejection by the umpires or a member of the Board of Directors. The game may be suspended until or terminated unless the violator ceases his or her conduct or leaves following an ejection.