

# Code of Conduct

**Romeoville Pony Baseball is stepping up it's sportsmanship efforts by adopting a "ZERO TOLERANCE" Policy when it comes to misconduct on the part of a parent and or player/coach**

**OBJECTIVE** The goal of Romeoville Pony Baseball is to assure that it's member- players, coaches, parents maintain the highest standard of sportsmanship and ethical behavior at all times. **Please be advised that Romeoville Pony Baseball umpires will be calling both managers to home plate prior to the start of any game played in Romeoville and will explain the "Zero Tolerance" Policy. This will serve as the first and only warning to both dugouts. Any further violation of the Code of Conduct will result in ejection from the game.**

**PLAYERS** All players shall abstain from the following activities at all times. Any violation of these rules will result in the appropriate action being taken from the "Procedures to Address Misconduct".

- Foul or obscene language
- Indecent gestures.
- Fighting
- Arguing with Umpires for any reason.
- Substance abuse.
- Object throwing in anger.
- Showing disrespect or arguing with coaches.
- Harassing of opposing team's players, coaches or parents. (General Baseball chatter is not harassing).

**COACHES** All coaches shall abstain from the following actions at all times. Any violation of these rules will result in the appropriate action being taken from the "Procedures to Address Misconduct".

- Foul or obscene language
- Indecent gestures.
- Fighting (Physical contact of any type)
- Umpire abuse
- Substance abuse
- Object throwing
- Arguing with opposing team coaches or parents
- Harassing of own or opposing team's players, coaches or parents
- Violating written division rules or safety rules.

**PARENTS/SPECTATORS** Spectators and parents shall abstain from the following actions at all times. Any violation of these rules will result in the appropriate action being taken from the "Procedures to Address Misconduct".

- Foul or obscene language
- Indecent gestures
- Umpire abuse
- Substance abuses
- Object throwing
- Arguing with the opposing team's coaches or parents for any reason
- Heckling or harassing own or opposing players, coaches or parents
- Entering the playing field or dugout without the approval of both team managers and the umpire.

## **PROCEDURES TO ADDRESS MISCONDUCT**

When a player, manager, coach is ejected from the game by an umpire for any reason, that person must leave the field and remove him and or herself to the parking lot. **This will result in an automatic one game suspension with no hearing. The Board holds the right to increase the number of games a person is suspended up to expulsion from the league if the act is considered outrageous. The second ejection from a game will result in expulsion from the league with no hearing.**

If a spectator is asked to leave by the umpire the spectator must leave the facility and remain in the parking lot until the game is complete. **In this case the Director of the age level, for which the ejection occurred, holds the right to suspend the spectator from the next game. The Director will advise the President and V.P of the suspension. If the Director wishes to suspend the spectator from more than one game, the President and V.P must approve it. Violation of the suspension will result in the game not being started until the said spectator leaves. Should this same spectator be ejected from a second game this will result in expulsion from the league and or removal of spectator rights at any Romeoville Pony Baseball event.**

**A player, coach, or spectator need not be removed from a game to be suspended if the act is proven to be a detriment to Romeoville Pony Baseball. While there is a list of actions that are considered "Misconduct", discipline is not limited to those listed actions.**