



TRINITY BASEBALL-SOFTBALL LEAGUE

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Code of Conduct

Good sportsmanship is not an exception but an expectation. Each person at the ballpark is critical to the success of the athletes and the program. This Code of Conduct is geared toward fulfilling the league's mission statement:

“Trinity Baseball-Softball League exists to equip players with fundamentals, good sportsmanship, and pride through dedication to become successful while on the diamond, but most importantly, beyond it.”

General

- Respect players, coaches, officials and other fans even when mistakes are made.
- In word and deed, be a positive example.
 - We cheer for our child and their team; not against the opponent.
- Use self-control and self-discipline.
 - Profane and/or disruptive actions, language, or subjects not suitable for children, or other unsportsmanlike conduct are prohibited.
- Be accountable for all choices and actions.

Facilities

- Place trash in trash cans provided.
- Use/influence of intoxicating beverages or illegal and/or controlled substances are prohibited.
- Use of tobacco and/or nicotine product is prohibited on property excluding the parking area.
- No pets are allowed on complex property, excluding the parking area. Owners, not TBSL nor the City of Trinity, are responsible for the actions of their animals including clean-up of their excrement. Pets in the parking area shall be restrained.

Managers and Coaches

- Managers and coaches have tremendous influence on their athletes, and therefore, shall in all things conduct themselves in a manner so to ensure their influence is positive.
- Seek to master the contest rules and teach them to their team.
- Never seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
- Only the manager may challenge a call on the field. Interactions shall be respectful and the official's final decision shall be supported.
- Managers are responsible for the behavior of their players, parents, coaches, and fans.
- An official shall direct all correspondence through the Manager.

Enforcement

The severity of the action, along with the disciplinary history from the current season will determine the course of disciplinary action.

- The progression of discipline shall be 1) warning, 2) warning, 3) ejection, 4) ejection with seven (7) day suspension, 5) season-long suspension.
- An ejected person shall immediately leave the entire sports complex when asked by a Director, official, or law enforcement officer.
 - The person may retreat to the parking area to await the completion of the game so to take home their child if, ejected person has an improvement in their behavior. Otherwise, they will be asked to leave the parking area as well.
 - A non-cooperative person shall be made clear of the next step in the progression of discipline. Failure to then cooperate, will result in the next consequence.
 - Disciplined persons shall be informed of their right to at least one (1) appeal per offense but not more than two (2). For first appeal, person shall meet with President and Vice-President. For second appeal, person shall meet with Board.
 - Appeal form is available in the concession stand.
 - Appeals must be submitted to President within forty-eight (48) hours.
 - Beyond this time, right to appeal is waived.
 - If necessary, Vice-President then entire Board may be involved.
 - Suspensions shall begin immediately once appeal has been waived or denied.
 - TBSL has no jurisdiction with other ballparks.

Reporting

- An incident report shall be completed for all situations that violate the Code of Conduct.
- Incident report is available in the concession stand.
 - Anyone may submit a written, signed complaint.
 - No unsigned or anonymous complaints shall be accepted.
 - It must be acted on within seven (7) days.
 - Appeals must be submitted to President.
 - If necessary, President will involve Vice-President.
 - If necessary, it shall be brought before entire Board.