## **Sport Parent Code of Conduct**

Kimmell Baseball & Softball, Inc. have implemented the following Sport Parent Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents in supporting their child in sports. Parents should read and make sure they fully understand these expectations prior to signing up their children to participate in our organization.

Any parent guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the facility and be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may be cause for multiple game suspension or forfeiture of the privilege of attending any remaining games.

## Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core values:

- Trust
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Good Citizenship

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character." I therefore agree:

- 1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youths, not adults.
- 2. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- 3. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- 4. 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/or practice.
- 5. 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.

- 6. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well-being of the athletes.
- 7. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- 8. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- 9. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- 10. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child
- 11. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront umpires/coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- 12. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- 13. 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.