

Broadwater Bobcats Baseball Club



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Code of Conduct for Children's Sport

Broadwater Bobcats Baseball Club Mission Statement:

Broadwater Bobcats Baseball Club strives to promote the game of baseball & softball at the highest level by promoting good practice in every aspect of the club with an emphasis on fair play & tolerance of each other.

Guidelines for Young Players

We wish to provide the best possible environment for all young people involved in the sport. Young players deserve to be given enjoyable, safe sporting opportunities, free of abuse of any kind. These players have rights, which must be respected & responsibilities which they must accept.

Young players are entitled to:

- Be treated with dignity & respect
- Be safe & to feel safe
- To get help against bullies

- To say NO
- To be listened to
- To be believed
- To protect their own bodies

Young players should always:

- Treat all coaches, managers, selectors, club & tournament organisers & officials with respect.
- Abide by the rules set down by team managers when travelling to away events.
- Behave in a manner that avoids bringing the game of Baseball/Softball into disrepute.

Young players should never:

- Use unfair or bullying tactics to gain advantage on or off the diamond.
- Use bullying tactics to isolate another player.
- Pass on gossip about another player or adult.
- Make false allegations against another player or adults.

Broadwater Bobcats Young Player Declaration Form:

I hereby pledge to be positive about my youth sports experience & accept responsibility for my participation by following the Players Code of Ethics Pledge.

I will encourage good sportmanship from fellow players, coaches, officials & parents at every game & practice by demonstrating good sportmanship.

I will attend every practice & game that I can & will notify my coach if I cannot.

I will do my very best to listen & learn from my coaches.

I will treat my coaches, other players, officials & fans with respect, regardless of race, sex, creed or abilities & I will expect to be treated accordingly.

I deserve to have fun during my sports experience & will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun!

I will encourage my parents to be involved with my team in some capacity because it's important to me.

I will remember that sport is an opportunity to learn & have fun.

Name.....Signature.....

Date.....

Player Keys To Success

Believe in yourself & your abilities. Learn from your mistakes.

Practice the fundamentals & work hard on areas that need improvement.

Be patient with your teammates & remember that everyone has strengths & weaknesses. Baseball is a TEAM sport & success only comes when the entire team plays well together.

Listen to your coach. Give 100% in games & practices. It doesn't take special talent to hustle, but it could make all the difference in a game.

Never question an official. They do not care who wins or loses & want nothing more than to have a game that is fair & safe. Make it easier by not talking back to them.

Be a good sport & play fair. Put winning & losing in perspective. Remember the Golden Rule – have fun!

Include your parents in your baseball world. Have fun & enjoy every moment on the diamond.

Guidelines for Parents:

The Club is committed to providing a safe & fair environment for all young players. Our first priority is the welfare of young players & we are committed

to providing an environment which will allow participants to perform to their best ability, free from bullying & intimidation. The Club also has a duty of care for volunteers working with youngsters on behalf of the organisation. We believe that parents should....

- Be a role model for your child & maintain the highest standards of conduct when interacting with children, other parents, with officials & organisers.
- Encourage your child to play by the rules.
- Always behave responsibly on the sidelines & do not seek to unfairly affect the game or the player on the diamond.
- Take care not to expose any junior player, intentionally or unintentionally, to embarrassment or disparagement by the use of flippant or sarcastic remarks.
- Always recognise the value & importance of the volunteers who provide sporting/recreational opportunities for your child.
- Respect referees, coaches, organisers or other players.
- Do not publicly question the judgement or honesty of referees, coaches or organisers.
- Teach your child that honest endeavour is as important as winning & do all you can to encourage good sportsmanship.
- Set a good example by applauding good play on both sides.
- Encourage mutual respect for teammates & opponents. Parents should support all efforts to remove abusive & bullying behaviour in all its forms:

Child to Child – includes physical aggression, verbal bullying, intimidation or isolation.

Adult to Child – includes the use of repeated gestures or expressions of a threatening or intimidatory nature, or any comment intended to degrade the child.

Adult to Adult – includes verbal aggression towards other adults in order to achieve a beneficial outcome for own self or own child.

Child to Adult – includes repeated gestures or expressions of a threatening or intimidatory nature by an individual child or a group of children.

Parents Declaration Form:

1. I will respect the rules & procedures set down in the Clubs Code of Practice for Children in Sport.
2. I will respect my child's teammates, coaches, other parents as well as players, parents & coaches from opposing teams.
3. I will give encouragement & applaud only positive accomplishments whether from my child, his/her teammates, their opponents or the officials.
4. I will respect my child's coach & support his/her efforts.
5. I will respect the officials & their authority during games.
6. I will never demonstrate threatening or abusive behaviour or use foul language.
7. I will encourage my child to treat other participants, coaches, selectors & managers with respect.

Name.....Signature.....

Date.....