

# WEST VOLUSIA YOUTH BASEBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

## OVERVIEW

This Code of Conduct is designed to ensure a safe healthy atmosphere for all. In order to protect the children of our communities' interests and to ensure that there will be facilities available for their use, we have developed what we hope is a fair, firm, and consistent set of standards. Although each facility that West Volusia Youth Baseball utilizes may have their own set of standards, the entire league will adhere to the following consequences for misconduct. Those misbehaviors may require notification to the proper authorities. If there is a penal code infraction, immediate and swift action will be taken to notify the proper law enforcement agencies.

## CONSEQUENCES

West Volusia Youth Baseball, through its Board of Directors and its designated League/Division Commissioners, shall reserve the right to withdraw and/or remove any team, player, parent manager, coach, volunteer or fan whose conduct on or off the playing field reflects in a manner that is detrimental to the best interest of West Volusia Youth Baseball. Recognizing the difficulty of establishing specific penalties for a variety of violations of acceptable conduct, the following penalties have been suggested. League Officers may impose the one, which, in their opinion, appears to match the severity of the offense.

- **WARNING:** Will be considered to have been given by the receipt of this Code of Conduct policy.
- **SUSPENSION:** The offending person is to be advised verbally and followed up in writing that he/she has been suspended from all League activity for a specific number of games or days.
- **DISMISSAL:** The offending person is to be advised in writing that he/she has been dismissed from the League for the remainder of the current year.
- **BARRED:** The offending person is to be advised in writing that he/she has been barred from present and future participation in the League, permanently or for an indefinite period of time to be determined by the Board.
- **FORFEITURE:** If a situation arises with a manager, coach, spectator, parent or player that is deemed necessary to be diffused by the present Board Members, League/Division Commissioner will have the authority to request that the game be stopped. The West Volusia Youth Baseball Board will review the matter and decide the outcome of the game.

The entire League will play the game of baseball as described in the Official Rules and Regulations Book printed for Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc., and amended by the current In-house Bylaws, General Rules, and Division Regulations set forth by West Volusia Pony Baseball Inc. a/k/a West Volusia Youth Baseball.

The following are some of the rules to abide by when visiting any of the facilities utilized by West Volusia Youth Baseball, as well as any posted rules unique to that facility:

1. Deposit trash in appropriate containers.
2. The use of obscene, abusive or discriminatory language will not be tolerated.
3. Observe all posted traffic signs. (speed and parking)
4. Those children not participating in League activity must be supervised at all times.
5. Respect property. (remember, we are guests)
6. Do not throw, hit or cause balls to strike facility buildings or fences not designed for such use.
7. Use the rest room facilities provided.
8. The use of tobacco or vaping devices will not be tolerated in designated non-smoking areas while on facility premises utilized by West Volusia Youth Baseball. (Please refer to posted signs.)
9. No alcoholic beverages.

By participating in league activities, you agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and accept the consequences of misbehavior.

## GENERAL LIABILITY RELEASE **READ BEFORE SIGNING**

I, as the parent/legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, who is registered to play on a WVYB baseball team, do hereby give my consent/approval for his/her participation in any and all WVYB League sponsored/conducted activities during the current season. I hereby grant my permission to managing personnel or other WVYB League representatives to authorize and obtain medical care, at my expense, from any licensed physician, hospital or medical clinic should my child become ill or is injured while participating in WVYB league sponsored/conducted activities either on premises or away from home, or where neither parent/legal guardian is available to grant authorization for necessary emergency treatment. I assume all risks and hazards

incidental to my child's participation in WVYB league sponsored/conducted activities, including practices off of league facility premises (Dewey O' Boster), transportation to/from such WVYB League sponsored/conducted activities; and do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the local League organization (WVYB, Inc.) and its affiliation with Dixie Youth Baseball/Softball, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, managers, coaches, and/or other participants and persons transporting the player to and from WVYB League sponsored/conducted activities, for any and all claims arising out of any injury and/or death to the player whether the result of negligence, unforeseen, or for any other cause except to the extent and in the amount covered by accident or liability insurance.

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in WEST VOLUSIA PONY BASEBALL, INC. athletic sports program, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

1. The risks of injury and illness (ex: communicable diseases such as MRSA, influenza, and COVID-19) from the activities involved in this program are significant, potentially life-threatening, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce these risks, the risks of serious injury and illness do exist; and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I acknowledge that I am aware that there are risks to me of exposure to directly or indirectly arising out of, contributed to, by, or resulting from:
  - An outbreak of any and all communicable disease, including but not limited to, the virus "severe acute respiratory syndrome corona-virus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)", which is responsible for Corona-virus Disease (COVID-19) and/or any mutation or variation thereof.
5. In consideration of having the opportunity to participate as either a team member or competitor at location, and in acknowledging that I am aware of and willing to assume the risks associated with this activity, I hereby voluntarily agree to waive, hold harmless and indemnify WEST VOLUSIA PONY BASEBALL, INC. and its trustees, agents, volunteers and employees from any and all claims, demands, damages and causes of action of any nature whatsoever arising out of ordinary negligence which I, my heirs, my assigns or successors may have against them for, on account of, or by reason of my participation in the above activities. I indicate my agreement to this hold harmless elective noted below.

#### **VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT**

I further agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth by Dixie Youth Baseball/Softball and West Volusia Pony Baseball, Inc.

I understand and recognize that West Volusia Youth Baseball is a volunteer organization. As such, WVYB League relies heavily on the Managers, Coaches, Parents, Players and others to volunteer his/her time working the concession stand, maintaining the fields and keeping the park clean of debris and trash. I understand that I may be called upon to volunteer my time and will do what I can for the greater benefit of the League.

#### **MEDIA RELEASE**

I hereby assign all rights to the photographs, videos and/or sound recordings made of my child to WVYB. I hereby authorize WVYB to publish or use photographs, video and/or sound recordings made of my child for the purposes set forth above.

I hereby waive any right to inspect or approve the finished photographs, sound track/video, or advertising copy or printed matter that may be used in conjunction therewith or to the eventual use that might be applied.

I hereby release WVYB and/or any of its representatives and assigns from any liability for claims arising out of the use of the photographs, video and/or sound track recording in any production thereof of my child.

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