

Irvine PONY Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct

The Board of Directors of Irvine PONY Baseball has adopted the following Code of Conduct for parents and spectators of players participating in Irvine PONY league games, events, and activities.

The Irvine PONY Baseball Board of Directors is committed to ensure the best possible baseball experience for the members of our league. The Irvine PONY Baseball program is designed to provide an experience that is positive, safe, developmental, and fun for the players.

Parents and spectators shall, by their actions and conduct, set an example for the players. The Board of Directors of Irvine PONY will take a stance of ZERO TOLERANCE in the event of a violation of the Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct.

Parents and spectators shall adhere to the following code of conduct:

- (1) Parents and spectators will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner while participating at any league game, practice, event or activity;
- (2) Parents and spectators will cooperate with league officials, follow all league rules, regulations and policies while at League-related events and activities, and will treat all players, managers, coaches, umpires, league officials, and other parents and spectators with respect;
- (3) Parents will be supportive of, and participate in, league activities, games, tournaments, and fundraising events. This includes patronizing the PONY snack bar;
- (4) Parents will cooperate with team managers, coaches, and team moms, be supportive of their decisions, and follow team rules as set by the managers;
- (5) Parents will see that their son or daughter arrives at games and practices properly dressed and equipped, and ready to play, at the time specified by the team manager. Parents will further ensure that their son or daughter is picked up promptly at the time specified by the team manager. Parents will call the manager/coach as soon as possible if their son or daughter is unable to attend a practice, game, or other team function;
- (6) Parents will encourage their child to do his or her best at all times, provide positive support, and practice good sportsmanship. All parents and spectators are asked to support their team and are encouraged to cheer for players. Jeering, chanting, or excessive noisemaking in an effort to distract players is prohibited;
- (7) Parents will assist in keeping all fields utilized by Irvine PONY Baseball clean by picking up; and disposing of all litter around their team's dugout and stands after each practice and game;
- (8) Parents will be responsible for the activities and conduct of their children (players and non-players) while at Irvine PONY Baseball practices, games, functions, and activities;
- (9) Parents will, read, understand, and become familiar with the Irvine PONY Baseball rules,

regulations, and policies for the current season. Irvine PONY Baseball rules and regulations are available on our website at www.irvinepony.com;

- (10) Parents are responsible to volunteer for at least one 3-hour shift in the Irvine PONY snack bar, unless a non-volunteer fee has been paid to the League at the time of registration. Parents should schedule the shift with the team mom. Parents are responsible for notifying the team mom and snack bar at least 24 hours in advance, and for securing an adult replacement if they will not be able to attend their scheduled shift;
- (11) Parents will assist Irvine PONY Baseball League in making the baseball season a rewarding, positive and enjoyable experience for the boys and girls participating in Irvine PONY;
- (12) Parents and spectators shall not use profanity at any time during a game or practice or within the presence of any player on any team;
- (13) Parents and spectators shall not verbally abuse, threaten or engage in tortious physical contact with any player, coach, manager, spectator, umpire, league official, parent, or other individual under any circumstances;
- (14) Parents and spectators shall not use tobacco on the field or in the stands during any practice or game;
- (15) Parents and spectators shall not be under the influence of alcohol or other intoxicant at any time while attending an Irvine PONY event ;
- (13) Parents and spectators shall not conduct themselves in any manner detrimental to Irvine PONY Baseball or to PONY Baseball, Inc.

Violation of this Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary action against the violator, which may include any of the following:

- (1) Ejection: The violator may be ejected from a game by either an umpire that is officiating the game or by a Irvine PONY Baseball Board Member. A violator may be ejected from an Irvine PONY practice, activity, or event by an Irvine PONY Baseball Board Member. A person that is ejected from the game, practice, activity or event must leave immediately without further incident, or be subject to further disciplinary action by the Board or removal by the police. Any person ejected will be automatically suspended from participating in their team's next scheduled game. The Irvine PONY Board will determine whether further disciplinary action is warranted.
- (2) Probation: The violator will be advised in writing of the offense and the period of probation during which it is expected that no further violations will occur.
- (3) Suspension: The violator will be advised in writing of the offense and the period of suspension during which the violator is prohibited from participating in any Irvine PONY games, activities, or events.
- (4) Dismissal: The violator will be advised in writing of the offense and informed that he or she

is being dismissed from the League for the remainder of the season or other designated period of time.

- (5) Barred: The violator will be advised in writing of the offense and informed that he or she has been barred from present and future participation in the League, permanently, or for a specified number of years.

The Irvine PONY Baseball President, Vice President of the Division in which the violation occurred, and one other Board Member selected by the President, shall review all issues concerning violations of the Parents/Spectators of Conduct. Their decision shall be final, unless appealed by the violator to the full Irvine PONY Baseball Board. The full Irvine PONY Baseball Board of Directors shall have discretion to determine whether or not to hear a violator's appeal. If the Board determines not to hear the appeal, then the 3-person review panel's decision shall be deemed the final decision of the Board. If the Board decides to hear the appeal, then the majority vote of the Board regarding after hearing the appeal shall be the final decision of the Board.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

I have read the foregoing Parents/Spectators Code of Conduct and understand that I am expected to abide by the Code or face potential disciplinary action by the League.

Date

Printed Name

Signature