

PLAYER & PARENT'S

Parents and family of each Nighthawk player has a great impact on his or her child, other players' parents and additional team supporters. Parents have the responsibility to create a constructive, enjoyable and non-hostile environment in which the game is played.

A. I will lead by example through:

- I will make the safety and welfare of each participant my number one priority.
- I shall set the example for example for winning without boasting and losing without bitterness and thus earn the respect of my teammates/children and the other players
- I will be responsible for my conduct games and practices and take reasonable actions to secure their comportment with the principals of this Code of Ethics.
- Encourage good sportsmanship and positive support for all coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans, and officials at every game, practice, or other youth sporting event. I understand the importance of setting a good example for my child as children are influenced by those surrounding them.

B. I will act responsibly and do my best to assure that:

- I will always place the academic, emotional, physical and moral well-being of all players above desires and pressures to win.
- I will not make demands on my teammates/children that will interfere with the players' opportunities for achieving academic success.
- I will abide by a doctor's decision in all matters of my child's health and injuries and ability to play.
- I will not criticize my child/teammate in front of spectators or other players. Any criticism I provide will be constructive in nature
- I will reinforce the qualities of being part of a team and placing personal objectives second to team objectives.
- My child gets to practice and games on time. I understand that my child needs to be on time to assure adequate warm-up and that arriving late can be embarrassing for my child. I will assure my child is picked up from all games and practices on time. By doing this, I send a message to my child that he/she is my top priority as well as showing respect for the coach.
- My child has a positive and fun youth sport experience. I understand that less than 1% of all youth sport participants receive a college scholarship, and that the number one reason children play sports is to have fun. I understand and will remember that the game is for the players, not the adults, and will keep that in perspective.
- As a parent, I will demand a sports environment that is free from tobacco and refraining from its use at all youth sporting events. I understand that every child deserves to play in a healthy and safe environment.
- As a player, I will not utilize tobacco products, including smokeless, at games or practices.

C. I will display appropriate behavior.

I understand that violations of the following codes may jeopardize my privilege to attend all youth sports activities:

- I will support appropriate disciplinary action taken by the coaches or the Nighthawk Board, when a player's on or off the field behavior is considered egregious. The integrity and reputation of the team, institution, and the sport of baseball must be protected.
- I will treat everyone with respect regardless of race, sex, creed and ability.
- I will accept gracefully the decision of officials as being fair and called to the best ability of the official.
- I will not discuss in a negative way other coaches, fans, umpires or players.
- I will not complain to other parents/players about another coach's strategies.
- I will not listen to or discuss complaints from parents/players of other coaches.

D. Terminal behavior.

I understand that violations of the following codes may result in immediate dismissal of my privilege to attend all youth sports activities:

- I will not make unsportsmanlike or uncomplimentary remarks to opponents, umpires, or spectators. Taunting, boasting, and fighting demean individuals and the sport of baseball.
- I will never use any physical means against spectators, players, officials, or coaches.
- I will not criticize, aggravate or incite the opposing team, coaches or fans, by word of mouth or gesture. I will refrain from using profanity.
- I will not consume alcoholic beverages and/or appear under the influence of same when dealing with youngsters.

I understand that violations of this Code of Conduct will be considered a serious matter by the Board and could subject the violator to appropriate action, including separation from the league. When a parent/coach/spectator feels that there has been a violation of the Code of Conduct, an incident report may be

filed with the Nighthawk Board. The Incident Report is available on our website. Reports of or disputes relating to possible violations will be brought to the attention of the **Disciplinary Committee** for investigation and resolution.

With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this contract, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and will do my best to fulfill the promises made herein. I understand that failure to adhere to the above stated guidelines will result in disciplinary action.

Team Name: _____ League: _____

Witness: _____ Coach: _____

Player Name – Please Print _____

Player Signature/Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name – Please Print _____

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