

FOREST GLADE BASEBALL LEAGUE

League Philosophy

It is the responsibility of the league to promote baseball as being a recreational sport and an enjoyable one. Let's not forget that FGBL players are boys and girls who are trying to learn the game of baseball and have some fun.

Our goals are to promote the enjoyment of the game, fair play, sportsmanship, tolerance, respect, and self-esteem through proper conduct, example and instruction. In order to advance the principles of sportsmanship and fair play and to promote mutual respect among players, coaches, umpires, parents and spectators the Forest Glade Baseball League has established a "*Code of Conduct*".

The *Code of Conduct* shall govern the actions of players, coaches, parents and spectators. The *Code* is intended to provide behavioral guidance and establish clear expectations for all involved. The *Code* was not conceived to address every possible behavioral circumstance, however, it shall serve as the League's standard for behavioral evaluation.

It shall be the obligation of all program participants, parents and spectators, to comply with the terms and provisions of the *Code of Conduct*. Any person violating the *Code* shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with the Discipline Policy of the FGBL, up to and including termination of his/her privilege to participate in, or attend, any or all FGBL sponsored activities.

THE CODE OF CONDUCT

COACHES

Encourage and motivate your players with patient and positive talk. Be a good role model.
Do not let your players get down on themselves

Coaches will display and instill in their players the principles of honesty, good sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play.

Coaches will conduct themselves in a manner that best serves the interests of their players.

Coaches will do their best to provide their players a positive experience.

Coaches will ensure that winning and/or losing teams do so in a manner, which exhibits respect and good sportsmanship.

Coaches will treat all players, parents, spectators and officials with respect and dignity.

Coaches will provide instruction in a manner that is constructive and supportive.

Coaches will not ridicule or demean.

Coaches will not tolerate behavior that endangers the health or well being of a child.

Coaches will comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policies and procedures as established or endorsed by the FGBL.

Coaches will not challenge judgment calls by the umpire. It is acceptable to question the interpretation of a rule, but only in a courteous non-confrontational manner.

Coaches will teach the game of baseball to the best of their ability, thus helping their players to improve their athletic skills, their knowledge of the game and their physical condition.

Coaches will not be intoxicated at any FGBL event.

Coaches will not smoke anywhere during a game or a practice.

Coaches will report any incident that may violate any rule or standard of conduct or reflect adversely on the FGBL.

THE CODE OF CONDUCT

PLAYERS

Players shall...

Display good sportsmanship and team play at all times. Encourage and cheer on your teammates. Have fun!

Follow the directions of the coaching staff. Try your best. Always be alert. Again have fun!

Support, respect and cooperate with all your teammates, opposing players, coaches, umpires, spectators and league officials. Be honest, fair and do the right thing.

Make every attempt to be on time and ready to play for all games and practices. Call your coach prior to a game or practice if you are unable to attend.

Remain seated on the players' bench, when not playing in the field; unless directed otherwise by your coach.

Players shall not...

Use abusive or profane language.

Taunt or humiliate any other player.

Question an umpire's call.

Abuse, mistreat or mishandle any FGBL equipment or property. (e.g., throwing batting helmets)

PARENTS AND SPECTATORS

The Parent and Spectator shall support the players, coaches, umpires, and league officials. Parents and Spectators shall not “coach” or “officiate”. Parents and Spectators agree as follows:

Parents and Spectators will be positive role models and will do their best to provide the players with a positive experience.

Parents and Spectators will display and instill in all players, the principles of good sportsmanship and team play.

Parents will make certain that their children show respect for all other players, coaches, umpires, league officials and spectators.

Parents will inform the coach of any disability or ailment that may affect the safety of their child.

Parents and Spectators will not belittle or shout negative remarks to anyone. Foul and abusive language and conduct are strictly prohibited by anyone.

Parents and Spectators will not question an umpire’s call.

Parents and Spectators will respect the opponent and avoid any confrontation with opposing players, coaches and spectators.

Parents and Spectators will not be intoxicated at any FGBL event.

We ask that parents and spectators not smoke during any Forest Glade Baseball game or event. If he/she must smoke, we ask that as a courtesy to others, he/she stand at least 20 feet away from all players, coaches, and other parents/spectators.

Parents and Spectators will comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all rules, policies and procedures as established or endorsed by the FGBL.

Parents and Spectators should inform the Division Coordinator or a member of the Dispute Resolution Committee of any improper conduct of a coach. Feedback is an important consideration for us when assessing the quality of our coaches and ensuring the well being of all our players. We rely on you to report any serious issues, infractions and to share constructive comments. All reports will be kept confidential and should be e-mailed through www.forestgladebaseball.com or call a Dispute Resolution Committee member listed at the front of this manual.

Have a great season!
The FGBL Executive Board