



## **JYSF BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY**

### **PURPOSE**

In an effort to provide participants with a healthy, safe and developmental athletic environment that encourages fair play, effort, teamwork and sportsmanship, JYSF supports a Zero Tolerance Policy for players, parents, coaches, game officials, umpires, team officials, league administrators and spectators. This policy requires that a sportsmanlike and developmentally positive atmosphere exist before, during and after all JYSF and/or PONY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL sanctioned events.

### **POLICY**

All JYSF players, coaches, team officials, league administrators and parents are expected to conduct him/herself in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner at all times before, during and after and/or PONY BASEBALL/SOFTBALL sanctioned events. Good conduct is expected to extend to umpires, game officials, spectators, as well as to opposing players, coaches and parents.

### **PLAYERS**

A penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a player:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an official.
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language and/or gestures at any time, including any swearing, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
3. Taunting or ridiculing of players, coaches, officials or spectators.
4. Threat of violence toward players, coaches, officials or spectators.
5. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision. Any time that a player persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a misconduct penalty. A game misconduct shall result if the player continues such action.
6. Throwing of any equipment on the field on inside the dugout as to create a safety hazard.
7. Displays unsportsmanlike behavior toward any player.

### **COACHES**

A penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct (Zero Tolerance) shall be assessed whenever a coach:

1. Openly disputes or disputes any decision by an official.
2. Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
3. Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision with the intent of inciting the officials, players or spectators. Any time that a coach persists in any of these actions, they shall be assessed a game misconduct penalty.



## **PARENTS/SPECTATORS**

The game will be stopped by game officials or league administrators when parents/spectators displaying inappropriate and disruptive behavior interfere with other spectators or the game. The game officials or league administrators will identify violators to the coaches for the purpose of removing parents/spectators from the spectator's viewing and game area. Once removed play will resume. Lost time will not be replaced and violators may be subject to further disciplinary action by the Board of Directors.

1. Use of obscene or vulgar language and or gestures in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
2. Taunting or ridiculing of players, coaches, officials or spectators.
3. Threat of violence toward players, coaches, officials or spectators.
4. Throwing of any object in the spectator's viewing area, player's bench directed in any manner as to create a safety hazard.

## **OFFICIALS/BOARD MEMBERS**

Officials and Board Members are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times. The actions of an official must be above reproach. Officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.

**FAILURE TO ABIDE BY JYSF'S ZERO TOLERANCE POLICIES MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AGAINST THE PLAYER(S), PARENT(S) AND/OR SPECTATOR(S) INVOLVED, AT THE SOLE DISCRETION OF THE JYSF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_