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### CITY RECREATION BASEBALL LEAGUE

#### Parents & Spectators Code of Conduct

The City of Jamestown and the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Department are concerned about the conduct of all coaches, umpires and spectators during games that directly affect the children we serve. We want to ensure that games are a fair and enjoyable experience for all of the players, volunteers and spectators involved. A baseball game should be an enjoyable, unifying, spirited social and athletic occasion for ALL players, coaches, umpires and spectators.

*Please make every effort to follow these guidelines and encourage others to do the same:*

- Before, during and after the game, I will strive to be an example of good sportsmanship and positive spirit.
- I will remember that my child plays baseball for their own enjoyment, not to entertain me, and that my child will establish their own goals for the sport. I will support these goals and keep them separate from my own.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning and that a winner is a player who gives their best effort, continues to learn and improve, and does not let mistakes or fear of making mistakes prevent them from participating. My child will know that I am there to support them, win or lose.
- My guests and I will be positive role models for my child and others and encourage fair play and good sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy. We will give positive support to all players, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game or practice, regardless of the score or any other game related situation.
- I will refrain from coaching the team players (including my child) from the sidelines during games and practices, **unless** I am one of the official coaches of the team. **I promise to "Let the Kids Play!"**
- I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. I will show respect for my team's opponents.
- I will support any and all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse by players, coaches and spectators from all of my child's youth sports activities. I will not use foul language or tolerate use of foul language by my child.
- I will be supportive of the coach, who is a volunteer giving generously of their personal and family time to provide instruction in fundamental skills and an enjoyable recreational activity for my child and my family.
- At games, I will not publicly question the judgment of the umpire. I understand comments should be directed to the coach, or by leaving a message at the City Parks and Recreation Office at 483-7523. During play, I will remain off the field.
- There will be no use of tobacco products, alcohol or any illegal substance by **ANYONE** at any practice or game. Anyone using, or under the influence of these substances, will be required to leave.

All umpires are just like coaches, players and parents in that they need time to develop their skills. You can play an important role in helping them to improve by letting them concentrate on the game. You can help by encouraging them and by accepting their inevitable, occasional mistakes. On the other hand, you could discourage and demoralize the umpires by criticizing their decisions, by verbally abusing them and accepting, or even inciting your own player's aggressive and negative behavior. Your example is powerful, for better or worse, and your children will most often follow your lead. **Please take this responsibility seriously, and pledge to be a positive influence on your children and your team at all times!**

I have read and will abide by all aspects of this Spectators Code of Conduct. I understand that serious violations of this agreement may result in my removal from my child's game and will be reported to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SIGN THIS PLEDGE, AND KEEP IT AS A REMINDER THROUGHOUT THE SEASON