

# NEW LONDON YOUTH BASEBALL

## MISSION STATEMENT & CODE OF CONDUCT

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New London Youth Baseball is an organization dedicated to teaching all youth that participate, the game of baseball. We will make all efforts to do so in a way as to promote their on field development. New London Youth Baseball is baseball first and foremost with the commitment to make all participants better players. While baseball is indeed a form of recreation, New London Youth Baseball's main objective is to give our participants a better understanding of the game and to teach the game of baseball in a competitive manner while emphasizing sportsmanship and teamwork. \*(All rules, regulations and conduct by members, coaches, players, parents and others involved in New London Youth Baseball will be based upon and judged according to New London Youth Baseball's Mission Statement)\*

### CODE OF CONDUCT

All those associated with and involved in NLYB represent an impressive cross section of our community. NLYB is not an organization in which membership implies childcare benefits and entertainment privileges. All persons associated with NLYB must act in a manner that falls within the guidelines of NLYB. It is imperative for all players, parents, coaches, umpires and fans to act according to the Code of Conduct set forth by NLYB, thus becoming ambassadors for this organization.

Abusive behavior by players, parents, coaches, umpires, and fans will not be tolerated. NLYB officers, board members and umpires have been directed to confront and warn any person who engages in any abusive behavior. If such behavior persists, the offending person will be ejected with a review by the league commissioner and the NLYB Board. A review of this type could result in a warning or suspension for the offending person.

#### PLAYERS

- Will respect their coaches, all players, umpires and fans
- Will accept the fact that their coaches are in charge and that their coaches have agreed to teach the game of baseball and have not volunteered to be babysitters
- Will cheer and encourage their teammates while refraining from badgering the opposition
- Will make an honest effort to listen, learn and participate
- Will be expected to be on time while attending practices and games on a regular basis
- Will accept all coaches and umpires decisions without argument or inappropriate gestures
- Will be good winners and losers
- Will participate in the end of the game activities ( handshake, cleanup, etc )
- Will not use any inappropriate or abusive language
- Will not criticize other players, coaches , umpires or fans
- Will not throw or abuse equipment or openly display unreasonable acts of disgust or anger directed at players, coaches, umpires, fans or participation happen-stance

#### PARENTS / FANS

- Will respect all players, coaches, umpires and fans
- Will accept the fact that the coaches are in charge and that they have not volunteered to be babysitters. Will not interfere with a coach or umpire performing their duties
- Will support their child / player and their child's / player's teammates at all times while refraining from badgering the opposition
- Will be expected to have their child / player on time for practices and games and to see that their child / player attends these activities on a regular basis
- Will accept all coaches and umpires decisions without argument or inappropriate gestures. Will report any complaints about coaching or officiating to the leagues commissioner and not the coach or umpire
- Will be positive role models while attending any NLYB league activity
- Will promote the emotional and physical well-being of all participants ahead of any personal desire for their child / player to win
- Will not use any abusive or inappropriate language
- Will not criticize or openly display unreasonable acts of anger or disgust directed at players, coaches, umpires fans or participation happen-stance.
- Will not appear in the field or dugout in an intoxicated state or be noticeably intoxicated at any NLYB function involving NLYB players

## COACHES

- Will abide by NLYB'S code of conduct as outlined for players their parents / fans
- Will accept the fact that they have volunteered to coach and teach the game of baseball in a way that is in the best interest of NLYB
- Will be fair and impartial in their treatment of players and will give equal time while training and teaching all team members
- Will be in total charge of their team during all practices and games and are expected to do so in a manner that reflects the policies, procedures and goals of NLYB
- Will demonstrate leadership qualities and stress NLYB'S code of conduct to all of his/her players their parents and fans
- Will hold a preseason meeting with their players parents outlining goals and expectations for the team while following the guidelines of NLYB
- Will abide by NLYB's policies in regards to weekly practices and or games
- Will act in a way that supports the integrity of the game of baseball

## UMPIRES

- Will abide by NLYB'S code of conduct as outlined for players their parents and fans
- Will accept the fact that they are responsible for maintaining control of all situations while on the field
- Will make a concerted effort to know all rules pertaining to the various levels of NLYB baseball that they will be working
- Will abide by NLYB'S policies and procedures regarding uniforms, strike zone etc.
- Will be totally impartial to all players and teams
- Will work with all players and coaches to maintain a level of consistency throughout the league and tournament seasons
- Will act in a way that supports the integrity of the game of baseball

## SPECIAL NOTES

### **POLICIES & PROCEDURES (partial)**

- All parents and coaches agree that a players coach will have in hand before a player can participate, NLYB's Emergency Medical Treatment form. This form must be filled out and signed by the parent or legal guardian
- Parents or legal guardians must fill out and date a permission / liability (waiver) form allowing their child / player to participate and to make NLYB harmless from any and all claims arising out of injury to the player (minor)
- No player shall participate in any traveling / tournament baseball during New London Youth Baseball's regular / tournament season that is not approved by NLYB ( player and or coach / coaches will be suspended )
- Coaches will hold regular practices before and during the season. ( NLYB'S expectations are for at least two games and or practices every week from no less than three weeks before the season until the league playoffs begin )
- Practices for Level One league teams will take precedence up until League play begins, then Level Two tournament/ traveling team practices will take precedence. Level One and Level Two Coaches are expected to work together on practice schedules. ( Please make good use of the weekends for your Level Two practices )
- Any complaint against a coach, umpire, player or spectator should be brought to the attention of the leagues commissioner and not the officers or board members of NLYB. The commissioner will go through the proper channels in the way of complaint forms, contact etc. and will notify the NLYB board. The board will revue the complaint with the leagues commissioner and then decide if a hearing is in order

**New London Youth Baseball will at its discretion – warn or suspend any persons violating or abusing any policy, procedure or code of conduct rule**

**It is the responsibility of all coaches, umpires, players, parents, guardians and fans to know NLYB's rules, regulations, policies and procedures. The New London Youth Baseball Board will not accept ignorance as an excuse.**

**Information including phone numbers, e-mail addresses, policies, procedures and rules pertaining to NLYB can be found on our website at**

**[www.newlondonyb.com](http://www.newlondonyb.com)**