



PLAYER & PARENTS MISBEHAVIOR POLICY

(a) Town Creek Dixie Youth Baseball seeks to encourage good sportsmanship, fair play, and team spirit among all of its players. Because TCDY is about working with league age 3-12 year old children, occasional lapses in the behavior of the players are to be expected. However, repeated misbehavior, which violates the basic spirit that TCDY and its players are striving for, will not be tolerated. Examples of such misbehavior include, but are not limited to, repeated verbal abuse of teammates, coaches, spectators, or opponents, repeated use of profanity, aggression toward any other players, particularly physical aggression, and repeated refusal to cooperate with coaches or league officials, including umpires.

(b) Any such behavior when observed by a TCDY Board member or reported in writing by a TCDY coach, parent, or spectator, will result in a review of the incident by a committee consisting of the League President, Vice-President and the Commissioners in which the player participates. The committee for player misbehavior review can recommend to the Board the action to be taken. For a valid first infraction, a warning will be issued to the player (and sent to his/her parents). Further actions may be recommended to the Board as deemed appropriate. All actions will be Board-approved. If the player is involved in further incidents, automatic suspension for a set number of games is a likely recommendation by the committee. After any suspension, a player-parent-Board conference is required before the player can resume play. If the player is allowed to continue to participate after suspension, and misbehavior continues beyond this, the Board will be free to suspend the player for the remainder of the year with no refund of registration fee. Any suspension will result in disqualifying the player for All-Star nomination.

(c) It is the intent of TCDY to create an atmosphere where all player participants can have fun, learn baseball, and most of all develop the attitudes and good behavior associated with sportsmanship, fair play, and teammanship.

PARENTS

(a) The primary description of acceptable behavior for parents is given in the Code of Conduct that is handed out to all parents at time of registration. Generally we have few or no problems with parents misbehaving in a manner contradictory to that which is described in the Code of Ethics. However, occasionally a situation does arise where the behavior of a parent becomes unacceptable. This policy is intended to describe the procedure that Town Creek Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc will follow to address such instances. It is not the intent of this policy to try and define every instance that might be described as constituting parental misbehavior. We will however make mention of certain types of known behavior that we have experienced in the past and will use these examples to illustrate unacceptable parental behavior.

(b) Such examples are, but not limited to, the following. Boisterous taunting of an umpire, coach, league official, or player in a negative manner, the use of profanity or vulgar language,



embarrassing negative remarks aimed at your own child while he/she is playing a game, the use of Alcoholic beverages while at any TCDY event, threatening or aggressive remarks towards umpires, coaches, league officials, or fans, physical confrontations with umpires, coaches, league officials, or fans, failure to remove yourself from the field after you have been ejected from the field, failure to remove yourself from event venue after you have been ejected from the event venue.

(c) Parents please understand that any such behavior as listed above will be dealt with by the Association in the following manner.

1. You will first be addressed by your coach and asked politely to calm down.
2. If you should persist then you will be warned by the umpire officiating the game to control your behavior.
3. If you continue to present a problem you will be ejected from the game and the game will not resume until you have left the event venue.
4. If you fail to leave the event venue a league official will be summoned to escort you away.
5. If you fail to do so and refuse to calm down the local law enforcement will be called to arrest you and take you from the event venue.

(d) It is our hope that we do not have to initiate any of the above steps necessary to control parental behavior. It is the intent of the Town Creek Dixie Youth, Inc to create a family atmosphere for the enjoyment and recreation of hundreds of parents, coaches, and players who are out to enjoy team and family time together. We hope to provide the basis for all players to have fun, learn the game of baseball, and most of all develop the attitudes and good behavior associated with sportsmanship, fair play, and teamwork. We are asking you as parents to help us reach our goal. Please lead by example and remember that hundreds of small eyes and ears are looking and listening to everything you say and do.