

Hi Everyone,

NBBSA has adopted a ZERO Tolerance Policy on Conduct as per NJ Statute 5:17-3.

*“Any sports team organized pursuant to a nonprofit or similar charter or which are member teams in a league organized or affiliated with county or municipal recreation department may require that all youth athletes, coaches, officials, or parents of youth athletes as a condition of participation in any athletic program by section 1 of P.L.2002, c.74 (c.5:17-1) which would require the youth athlete, parent, coach, or official to refrain from verbal or physical threats or abuse aimed at any student coach, official or parent or from initiating any fight or scuffle with any person. The sports team shall have the power to ban the presence of any youth athlete, coach, or parent or official at any subsequent youth sports event that shall violate the code of conduct.”*

Good Conduct and sportsmanship will be observed at all League sanctioned events, at all times. Players and Parents are required to abide by the following NBBSA Code of Conduct Rules, Park Rules and Batting Cage Rules. These rules were adopted to preserve the safety and proper environment for playing ball and having fun. These rules can also be found in the League Rules & Coaches Manual located under Handouts on [www.nbbsa.com](http://www.nbbsa.com).

## **CODE OF CONDUCT, PARK & BATTING CAGE RULES**

### **Code of Conduct**

Managers, Coaches, Players, Parents or Spectators should set an example of sportsmanship for children to follow. Team play should be emphasized. Parents will make sure their children show respect for all players, coaches, officials and spectators. Parents and spectators will comply with the decisions of league officials and observe all league rules, policy and procedures.

Abusive Language, Profanity, Discourtesy or rudeness, Verbal, physical or visual harassment, Bullying or taking unfair advantage of anyone at any league function is strictly prohibited and will result immediate ejection from the game area by the Umpire or League Official. Violators are subject to review by the Disciplinary Committee.

The possession/use of alcohol or illegal drugs at any practice, game, league function or on any North Brunswick Township property is strictly prohibited. Managers and Coaches should avoid drinking prior to practices or games. The use of any alcohol or other illicit substance at a practice or game will result in immediate ejection from the practice or game area and are grounds for suspension or ejection from the league. In addition, violations will be reported to the appropriate Civil Authorities.

Tobacco of any type will not be permitted on the playing field or in the dugouts. Bringing dangerous or unauthorized materials such as firearms, weapons or similar items to any practice, game, and league function or on any North Brunswick Township property is strictly prohibited. Violations are grounds for suspension or ejection from the league. In addition, violations will be reported to the appropriate Civil Authorities.

Managers, Coaches, Players, Parents or Spectators **WILL NOT** criticize the umpire and **WILL NOT** call plays before the umpire makes their call. Parents and Spectators will not question an umpire's call. Umpires are instructed to give one warning. Subsequent violations will result in

immediate ejection from the game area (i.e., at a minimum, the ejected individual must sit in their car).

Players shall display good sportsmanship and team play at all times. Players will be respectful and courteous to coaches, umpires, players, parents and spectators. The throwing of a bat, helmet, or any other piece of equipment is strictly prohibited.

During practice or games, players may not wear jewelry or other items judged dangerous by the Umpire, Manager or Coach. Refusal to remove such items will result in the player being removed from the field and subject to review by the Disciplinary Committee.

Every spectator at a game or practice must take personal responsibility for their own safety and the safety of their children. Foul balls or errant balls thrown may go into the spectator area, the midway or by the snack shack area. Fencing prevents some balls from leaving the playing area but not all. Pay close attention for foul balls and keep children away from the dugouts and from behind home plate.

No climbing on fences is allowed.

NBBSA is not responsible for parked vehicles being hit by foul or home run balls.

### **Park Rules**

- No Alcoholic Beverages
- No Smoking
- No Pets
- No unattended children
- No profanity
- No scooters, skate boards, or bikes around Baseball and Softball Complex & the Snack Shacks
- Place all litter in appropriate trash cans
- No outside food may be brought in to the Baseball and Softball Complex
- Please obey all snack shack rules
- For your safety and the safety of others, we are asking you not to enter that snack shack unless you are working a shift. If you need assistance with something, please ask someone working the window.

### **Batting Cage Rules**

- Youth ages 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult
- Adults are responsible for the actions of the youths in the batting cage
- All hitters must wear a helmet in the cages. This includes batting practice and soft toss.
- Appropriate foot wear must be worn. (no open toe shoes)
- There is to be only one hitter in the cage at a time
- Coaches pitching batting practice must stand behind the L-screens. This is for their protection.
- No player is to be swinging a bat outside the cages unless they are being supervised by a coach
- No soft-toss on the side of the cages or against the cage nets
- Hitting drills conducted outside the cages must be supervised by a coach
- No food or drinks are allowed in the cages

- Teams with scheduled games have priority use of the cages. Use otherwise is on a first-come, first serve basis. If people are waiting to use the batting cages, use is limited to 30 minutes.
- All users are expected to keep the batting cages clean and free of litter at all times
- No hanging, climbing or pulling on the nets
- All users of the batting cages understand they use the facility at their own risk. The North Brunswick Baseball & Softball Association and the Township of North Brunswick are not liable for any personal injury or equipment damage sustained in or around the batting cages.