



# Willamette Valley Babe Ruth Player/Parent Contract



During the Course of a game, a coach, player or parent will not be approach an umpire for the purpose of disputing a judgment call or decision. A head coach may approach an umpire for the purpose of discussing a rule interpretation or for clarification. At all times, the coach will show respect to the umpire and maintain his obligation as the team leader to provide an example of good sportsmanship for the players and other event participants.

No coach, parent or event participant will be allowed to shout abusive or disrespectful remarks criticizing a player, coach or an umpires performance or judgment. Umpires will handle unsportsmanlike behavior in accordance with Competition/Sportsmanship Committee guidelines. WVBR recognizes that errors and poor decisions are part of the game and it is important that the participants are provided an environment where they can succeed and fall free from the fear of public ridicule and embarrassment. The coaches are obligated to provide an example of control over emotions and speech. These behavior standards are to be maintained before, during, and after games, as well as any sanctioned league functions.

We understand the importance of attending all practices, games or special events at the specified times. In the event we are tardy or miss any event, we will notify the coach with as much notice prior as possible.

As a player, I will wear my uniform properly, hustle on and off the field, work hard at practice and games, make adjustments to improve my game, and be a positive influence on the team. If I don't have something positive to say, I will be quiet.

These standards as well as any special team rules are to be maintained by all participants, parents, coaches, and umpires prior to, during, and after any league or team function. Failure to adhere to these standards can result in disciplinary action ranging from extra work, missed playing time, removal from a game, suspension or removal from the team, or other appropriate penalties. These penalties can be applied to all participants, spectators, players, coaches, or umpires.

In the event of a problem with team rules, behavior, playing time, or questions regarding the league or area, the first contact will be the Head Coach. In the event we can't reach agreement, or get an answer to a question, the coach will refer us to the Area Director or appropriate Area Representative. The Area Director will handle communication between the League and Area, and the league will handle communication between Babe Ruth Headquarters and the League. We will not contact League Officials or Babe Ruth Officials until all local options are exhausted.

All participants, league officials, coaches, umpires, or spectators, serve at the convenience of the league. Penalties can be applied by whatever mechanism deemed appropriate by the team or league. There doesn't necessarily have to be a meeting of the minds. The ultimate authority will be the League Competition/Sportsmanship Committee, or the Area Directors, whichever is appropriate for the situation. Their decision on any penalty, as well as the forum for hearing the grievance will be final.

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**Date**

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**Parent Signature**

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**Date**