

# SHAWANO YOUTH LEAGUE PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT

## Expectations of Parents & SYL Code of Conduct Requirements:

- Show up for your assigned shift at the concession stand. This is what generates revenue to keep the program running.
- Parents will be expected to get their son/daughter to practice/games on time.
- Support your son/daughter by attending games, whenever possible. Embrace that this is your child's journey, not yours. Do not live vicariously through them. Put your focus on being a supportive & encouraging parent.
- Make sure your child attends all practices; proactively communicate to your coach when unable to attend a practice or game.
- Be supportive of the coaches & all other players; exhibiting a positive attitude around the players & other parents.
- Parents will not use social media (Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat etc.) to voice negative comments about opponents, teammates, parents, coaches or officials.
- Be respectful of officials & other teams' fans; display good sportsmanship.
  - As a program, we have zero tolerance for abusive language, vulgarity & constant negative remarks to game officials, opposing team parents, players or fans.
  - Our Coaches are instructed to ask our SYL fans to stop this during games & report any persistent behavior of this nature to the SYL.
- Refrain from coaching from the stands/sidelines at practice & games. This is the job of the coaches, not their parents in the SYL program. Cheer all you want, but please do not coach them from the stands.
- Encourage your child to communicate any concerns or questions directly with their coach. This will help the coach understand & communicate directly with the player vs. through a 3<sup>rd</sup> party.
- Communicate with the coach in appropriate ways; discuss your concerns off about your child off the field and in private. Refrain from comparing your child to another player. Practice the "24 Hour Rule": wait 24 hours to pass before contacting the coach regarding something; it will allow time to think about the situation before addressing, taking the emotion out of it. If you feel you are not being heard by the coach after taking this approach, please reach out to the SYL Program Directors.
- Please do not undermine your child's coach in the car ride home, dinner table, etc. Subtle, passive aggressive comments like: "your coach doesn't know what he is doing" or "I can't believe you don't play more" do not comfort your child (whether that is your intention or not). This enables your child to have a bad attitude & to make excuses; both, of which, are unacceptable.
- Hold your child accountable to the player expectations at all times. It is the goal of SYL to improve your child as a baseball/softball player, but also to aid in developing them into confident, proud, respectful & good citizens.
- Remember that the games of baseball and softball are fun & parents should strive to keep it that way.
- Remember that you represent your family, community & the SYL family at all times.

## SYL (Babe Ruth) Philosophy Regarding Teams & Playing time:

### **Team Selection: Specific to 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades**

- SYL is a competitive program; we look for serious ball players who want to work & elevate their game.
- We are interested in making our players better on & off the field.
- Roster spots are earned each year, not automatically given to player's year-over-year. This promotes hard work during the off-season.
- When possible, Shawano Varsity staff will be analyzing each grade to determine the teams.

- Coaches do their best to even out the playing time, but playing time can fluctuate game-to-game based on the player expectations & other factors.
- Playing time is dictated by the player's effort, attitude & attendance – No Questions Asked.
- We will not reward players who don't have the best interest of the team in mind at all times.

**Violation of Guidelines/Expectations:**

- All SYL Parents & Spectators will be held accountable to the above guidelines & expectations.
- Any suspected violation may & should be reported to the SYL Program Directors.
- Individuals in violation of any of the above expectations & guidelines may be asked to leave practice, tournament or team function. The SYL program comes first; no one person or player is bigger than the entire program.
- If problems continue to persist throughout the year, additional action may be taken to remove the Parent or Player from the SYL program. We are proud that this has not been an issue before & the goal of this document is to keep it that way.

By signing this document, I agree to follow the above guidelines as a Parent in the SYL Program; as governed by the SYL Program Directors.

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Print Name (Parent 1)

Print Name (Parent 2)

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Signature (Parent 1)

Signature (Parent 2)

Date \_\_\_\_\_