Flossmoor Baseball and Softball

**Parents Code of Conduct**

* Promote good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support to all players, coaches and officials at every game, practice or other youth sport event.
* Always support coaches and officials working with your child in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience.
* Never interfere with the conduct of the game.
* Refrain from the use of alcohol and any other illegal substance.
* Do not use any foul or abusive language or gesture towards any coach, official, player or spectator.
* Remember the game is for the youth – not for adults.
* Never threaten a coach, official, player orspectator.
* Never strike a coach, official, player or spectator.
* Always do your best to make sure youth sports are played in safe, healthy and fun environment.
* Always promote that your child treat other players, coaches, fans and officials with respect regardless of race, sex, creed or ability.

**Flossmoor Baseball and Softball   
24 Hour Rule**

Parents, Players and Spectators must wait 24 hours after a game or practice before approaching their child’s coach with concern. The 24 hour rule is designed to prevent families and friends from voicing their concerns or displaying anger towards coaches until 24 hours after a game or practice.

A violation of this rule is approaching the coach in person, by phone or in writing/email within 24 hours of finishing a game to “voice a concern” about something that occurred before, during or after the game or practice. This rule applies to anyone who attends the game or practice with your family. Violations of the 24 Hour Rule will be dealt with on a case by case basis by the appropriate league commissioner and league vice president.

The following examples are violations of the 24 Hour Rule:

**Within 24 hours of a game or practice a parent, family member or friend of the family**:

-Calls a coach to complain about the way they run practices before games

-Approaches a coach to ask if their child can get more playing time

-Approaches a coach about the amount of playing time a player received

-Approaches a coach with negative feedback concerning the game

-E-mails or calls a coach to discuss the feedback their child received on the bench

How to stay within the guidelines of the 24 hour rule:

1. Write down what needs to be discussed with the coach

2. Call, email or approach the coach to discuss the topics you have written down 24

hours AFTER the game.

3. Send an e-mail to the VP of Boys Baseball or the VP of Girls Softball, outlining what was discussed.

**Flossmoor Baseball & Softball – Code of Conduct Sanctions**

**Sanctions for Parents (and Spectators)**

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| Infraction | Directed Towards | Consequence |
| Interference with the conduct of the game | Resulting in stoppage of play | Warning |
| 2nd interference with the conduct of game |  | Ejection from the field or park |
| Foul, aggressive or abusive language | Another player, coach, official, league official, volunteer or spectator | Ejection from the field or park |
| Threatening or aggressive gesture and/or language | Another player, coach, official, league official, volunteer or spectator | Ejection from the field or park and a 1 week suspension from attendance at the games |
| Striking or any threatening action | Another player, coach, official, league official, volunteer or spectator | Ejection from the field or park and a 1 year suspension |
| 2nd offense in striking or any threatening action, any sport | Another player, coach, official, league official, volunteer or spectator | Lifetime suspension from Flossmoor Baseball & Softball |