Sportsmanship & Code of Conduct

Mid-Michigan PONY League
Mason Girls Fastpitch Softball League

The officers and directors of the Mason Baseball Softball Club (MBSC), as the operators of the Mid-Michigan PONY League (MMPL) and Mason Girls Fastpitch Softball League (MGFSL), recognize baseball and softball is a game of interpretations, and as a result, disputes may occur from time to time. However, it is important that all players participating in the MMPL and MGFSL act in a respectful manner towards those charged with arbitrating and deciding those disputes. Accordingly, all disputes that are taken up with the umpire must be handled in a civil manner.

1. The code of conduct requires that only a team's designated head coach initiate discussions with an umpire once the game starts.
2. The head coach may question calls, in a respectful manner.
3. The head coach may request an umpire to seek help from a second umpire, the request does not necessarily have to be recognized.
4. All questions, comments, and concerns must be relayed through the head coach.
5. All umpire communications will be relayed back to the head coaches only. This includes all requests about assistant coach, player, and/or spectator conduct.
6. All coaches are expected to always conduct themselves with decorum and once an umpire has made his/her final ruling, no coach is allowed to make a further field protest. Off-field protests may be lodged with the MBSC Board of Directors.
7. All players, coaches, assistant coaches, scorekeepers, and spectators shall always conduct themselves in a respectful and appropriate manner, including after the game has concluded.
8. Physical or verbal abuse of an official, coach, player, or spectator, including obscene gestures, will not be tolerated and the offender may be removed from the field at the discretion of an umpire or a member of the MBSC Board of Directors.
9. There will be one misconduct warning allowed per game at the discretion of the game umpires for coaches, players, and/or spectators of a team. After the first warning, all other behavior deemed to be misconduct, in the opinion of the umpires, will result in ejection of the offending party from the game. The game will not continue until the ejected party has left the premises. If the ejected party does not leave the area in a timely manner, the team with the ejected party, will forfeit the game.
10. Any ejected coach, player, or spectator will also be banned from the team's next game. A second ejection will result in that party being banned for the remainder of the season and possibly for life. The MBSC Board will review each case individually and make an appropriate ruling.
11. Profanity is expressly forbidden at all times.
12. The use of alcohol, illicit drugs, marijuana, tobacco and vapor products are prohibited from all games and practices - on field and in dugouts.