

# Raymond Baseball and Softball Association

## Expected Code of Conduct

Beginning in 2008, all coaches in the Raymond Baseball and Softball Association will be required to sign a Code of Ethics that stresses the vision of Raymond Baseball and Softball, *Sportsmanship and Participation*.

As parents and players we must remember that our coaches are **volunteers** and our umpires are **teens**. For the most part, they are doing the best that they can to teach the players the rules of the game and to model how to act properly on and off the field. In the opinion of the Board of Directors, they are doing a great job and we, as parents need to appreciate their efforts.

Everyone participating in Raymond Baseball and Softball at all levels, whether as players, coaches, officials, parents or spectators are entitled to do so in an environment of courtesy and safety. Accordingly, all spectators are requested to observe the following:

1. Remember that your children play for their own fun and enjoyment, and winning in only one part of the game.
2. Show appreciation and respect for your team's opponents. Without them, there would not be a game.
3. Resist shouting out instructions. That is the coach's job.
4. Leave the umpires out of it. They do not care who wins. Any mistakes are honest ones, and your children need to know that you believe this. Being an umpire is a difficult job, please respect this.
5. Maintain self-control. Refrain from disrespectful conduct of any sort, including profanity, obscene gestures, offensive remarks, taunting or other actions that demean any individual. The Board of Directors have adopted a "ZERO TOLERANCE" stance on these points.
6. Condemn the use of threat of violence in any form.
7. Absolutely no use of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is permitted nor will it be tolerated at any game. Smoking is not permitted on or near the fields, dugouts or spectator areas. Smoke if you must only in the parking areas away from kids.

### WARNINGS AND EJECTIONS

Any spectator engaged in profane, rude or threatening speech, gestures or actions or the use of alcoholic beverages or drugs are subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to, a verbal warning and possible ejection by the umpires or a member of the Board of Directors. The game may be suspended until or terminated unless; the violator ceases his or her conduct and leaves following and ejection. Local law enforcement officials will be called if necessary.