

BRYC Softball Code of Conduct

General BRYC Policy: BRYC Softball follows the Braddock Road Youth Club Code of Conduct. All participants in Braddock Road Youth Club activities (administrators, players, coaches, officials, and spectators) are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles of good sportsmanship and appropriate behavior and will comply with all BRYC policies, rules, and procedures. This Code of Conduct applies at practices, games, and all other BRYC-sanctioned activities.

Participants will:

- Exemplify behavior that reflects good sportsmanship, respect, courtesy, and a positive attitude.
- Maintain self-control at all times.
- Refrain from using abusive language or profanity, making humiliating remarks, gestures of ill temper, verbal or physical threats, and/or physical assault upon another player, coach, official, or spectator.
- Not engage in any behavior which would endanger the health, safety, or well-being of any player, coach, official, or spectator.
- Treat players, coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, religion, or ability.
- Follow field/facility rules and regulations, respecting at all times the property of others.
- Not use alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco products, or carry any firearm or weapon during any event in which BRYC is a participant.

Cheering: Teams are encouraged to cheer to support their players as long as the cheers are in good taste and are not derogatory to opposing players, coaches or umpires. Enthusiasm and encouragement to players is welcome and needed. Always show respect, however, to the players and spectators of the opposing team. Continuous yelling, and cheers or remarks designed to distract, demean or embarrass an opposing player or coach, are unacceptable.

Players: At practices and games, retain composure at all times and never leave their position in the field or on the bench to engage in a fight or altercation of any kind. Respect the integrity of judgment of umpires and accept their decisions without any argument.

Coaches: At practices and games, exemplify behavior that is representative of being an adult, a coach, a member of BRYC, and a leader of young women. Demonstrate high ideals, good sportsmanship, and desirable attitudes in personal behavior and demand the same standards from his/her players. Be responsible for assistant coaches, players and fans representing their team. Remember that umpires have the right to remove coaches, players and fans for unsportsmanlike behavior or declare a forfeiture if coaches cannot control their supporters or players. Emphasize to your players and support personnel the importance of proper sideline behavior and the necessity of restraining from entering the playing field to engage in a fight or altercation of any kind. Cooperate with and assist the

BRYC Board of Directors and League Commissioners in the planning, scheduling, and conduct of league activities. Use positive educational methods in coaching; giving all players an opportunity to develop and use initiative, leadership, and judgment. Pay close attention to the physical condition and well being of players; refusing to jeopardize the health of an individual for the sake of improving his/her team's chances of winning. Conduct yourself properly when raising a question about or discussing a call with an official.

Parents and Spectators: At practices and/or games, remember the umpire is in control of the game, and his or her authority must be respected. Address your concerns about any umpire to the coach of your daughter's team. Let your daughter's coach do his or her job as coach. Keep in mind that there is a difference between encouraging your daughter and coaching your daughter. If you would like to coach, talk to your daughter's coach after a game. In most cases, he or she will be very willing to enlist your assistance and consider your input. Always remember you are responsible for the conduct of all visitors you bring to any game or practice.

Disciplinary Actions: BRYC Softball follows the Braddock Road Youth Club Code of Conduct regarding disciplinary actions. Anyone who violates this Code of Conduct is subject to immediate dismissal from any BRYC Softball event and disciplinary action up to and including being expelled from all Braddock Road Youth Club activities. Alleged violations of the Code of Conduct shall be referred to the Softball Commissioner for investigation, to include interviewing the parties involved.

In the event of a violation of the Code of Conduct, disciplinary action shall include, but not be limited to, the following, in any order or combination:

1. Verbal warning issued by BRYC Softball Commissioner.
2. Written warning issued by a BRYC Softball Commissioner.
3. Suspension or immediate ejection from a game or practice issued by the BRYC Softball Commissioner, or event official, with written documentation of the incident kept on file.
4. Suspension from multiple sports events issued by the BRYC Softball Commissioner, or BRYC Club official, with written documentation of the incident kept on file.
5. Season suspension or multiple season suspension issued by the BRYC Club, with written documentation of the incident kept on file.
6. Permanent suspension from all BRYC Club activities issued by the Club, with written documentation of the incident kept on file.

Appeals of disciplinary actions will follow the appeals process outlined in the BRYC Risk Management Policy.