**ROSSVILLE BASEBALL / SOFTBALL SUMMER RECREATIONAL LEAGUE**

**PARENTS, PLAYER, AND COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT**

**PURPOSE:** The Rossville Baseball / Softball Summer Recreational League (RBSSRL) is dedicated to the principle of providing the opportunity for all children in the Rossville area to play baseball / softball in a **competitive, fair, and safe atmosphere.**

**CODE OF CONDUCT:** The Code of Conduct can be summarized in three words; Respect, Integrity, and Sportsmanship. All Players, Parents / Guardians, and Coaches are expected to exhibit these qualities in all activities.

We show Respect by maintaining a positive attitude for everyone involved in the sport and respecting the facilities in use. Criticism and disrespect for officials, opponents, and teammates will not be tolerated.

We show Integrity by knowing and following the rules of the game, leaving places better than we find them, and being truthful in our actions.

We show Sportsmanship by being gracious when we win and also when we lose. We encourage our teammates and do not bully, use inappropriate language, or taunt our opponents or our peers.

**Players Abide by the Code of Conduct by:**

* Showing respect to other players, coaches, umpires and league board members both on and off the field
* Not engaging in any arguments with other players, coaches or umpires during games or practices.
* Having a positive attitude, supporting your team and teammates, and giving your best effort in practices and games whether winning or losing
* Helping clean up fields, dugouts, and the ballpark after all practices and games

**Parents Abide by the Code of Conduct by:**

* Ensuring their child arrives on time and ready to play for all practices and games
* Being supportive of the players and not engaging in argumentative behavior with players**,** coaches, umpires or league board members
* Not using foul language
* Bringing questions or concerns to the attention of your child’s coach first and elevating to your program coordinator if necessary

**Coaches Abide by the Code of Conduct by:**

* Follow all criteria for a parent
* Know the rules of the league and abide by them
* Motivate players in a healthy and encouraging manner to do their best and compete according to the rules
* Respect umpires’ decisions and not engaging in argumentative behavior
* Ensure fans of the team conduct themselves with sportsmanship and integrity at all times
* Respect the opposing teams players, coaches, and spectators before, during, and after games, win or lose
* Report any violations of the code of conduct by parents, spectators, or players of either Rossville or opposing teams to your program coordinator within 24 hours
	+ The program coordinator will bring the matter to the RBSSRL board as necessary

All Rossville Rec League Facilities are **tobacco free** and **Vape free**. No player, coach, or spectator may use tobacco or vapes at the facilities maintained by Rossville Summer Rec League.

Violations of the policies above will result in disciplinary actions taken by the RBSSRL Board which may include a temporary or permanent ban from the RBSSRL. Refunds will not be issued if a parent decides to remove their player from the league due to his or her own disciplinary issues.

**If a player is ejected from the field by an umpire or coach, that player will serve a minimum one game suspension with further action determined by the coach and program coordinator prior to being allowed to return to the field.**

**If a parent is ejected from the field by an umpire or coach, that parent must meet with the RBSSRL President or Vice-President prior to being allowed to return to the field. If a parent’s actions are not consistent with the goals of promoting good sportsmanship and fair play, it will be brought to the attention of the League President for disciplinary action.**

If you are not satisfied with the information stated above or need additional guidance, please pursue the matter with the RBSSRL President or Vice-President.

***I have read the RBSSRL Code of Conduct and promise to adhere to its rules and regulations.***

Player Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Guardian Signature(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Coach Signature (If coaching): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_