

WALNUT CREEK BASEBALL CODE OF CONDUCT

Walnut Creek Baseball is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Coaches, parents, players, and spectators, *hereinafter referred to as 'members'*, are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the values of Walnut Creek Baseball, good sportsmanship, and must always adhere to the Walnut Creek Baseball Code of Conduct.

Anyone that engages in the following behavior, or any behavior deemed inappropriate by the Walnut Creek Baseball Board of Directors may be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including permanent expulsion from Walnut Creek Baseball.

(A) not complying with the rules, regulations, or policies of Walnut Creek Baseball, as adopted, and amended from time to time.

(B) deliberately disregarding the Rules of Baseball as amended from time to time.

(C) verbally or physically abusing opponents, umpires, board members, or officers on duty.

(D) showing disrespect to opponents, umpires, board members, or officers on duty including the use of foul language and obscene or offensive gestures.

(E) abusing playing equipment or the playing area, including dugout, concession stands, bathrooms, etc.

(F) using tobacco or alcohol products on the grounds of the Walnut Creek Baseball facility or while attending a sanctioned Walnut Creek Baseball activity.

Note: This Code of Conduct applies to all baseball activities including but not limited to games and practices and pertains to all members participating in or watching games as a spectator or other events sanctioned by Walnut Creek Baseball.

Examples of Minor Infractions

(A) a single incident of disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist, or sexist comments or behavior directed towards others, including but not limited to peers, opponents, players, coaches, officials, administrators, spectators, board members and officers on duty.

(B) unsportsmanlike conduct such as angry outbursts or arguing in an excessive manner.

(C) non-compliance with the rules and regulations under which Walnut Creek Baseball games are conducted including but not limited to pitch counts, playing time for players, or playing a player who is not a registered Walnut Creek Baseball player.

(D) Verbally or physical complaining about umpire calls including balls and strikes.

Examples of Major Infractions

(A) repeated incidents of disrespectful, offensive, abusive, racist, or sexist comments or behavior directed towards others, including but not limited to peers, opponents, players, coaches, officials, administrators, spectators, board members or officers on duty.

(B) playing under an assumed name, falsifying an affidavit or roster, or giving false information to league officials.

(C) knowingly participating while ineligible.

(D) knowingly competing with players who have been disqualified.

(E) repeated unsportsmanlike conduct such as angry outbursts or arguing.

(F) activities or behavior which interfere with a competition or with any athlete's preparation for a competition.

(G) pranks, jokes, or other activities which endanger the safety of others.

(H) deliberate disregard for the rules and regulations under which Walnut Creek Baseball events are conducted.

(I) any use of alcohol or being under the influence of alcohol.

(J) any use of illicit drugs and narcotics or being under said influence.

(K) use of banned performance enhancing drugs or methods.

(L) any physical contact with peers, opponents, players, coaches, officials, administrators, spectators, board members or officers on duty.

(M) repeated incidents of verbal or physical complaining about umpire calls including balls and strikes.

Behavior Expectations

Members engaging or persisting in conduct or actions unfavorable to the Walnut Creek Baseball Code of Conduct shall receive one warning from an umpire or league official. If the offense or offenses continue, the offending member will be removed from the game and subject to further disciplinary action by the Walnut Creek Baseball Board of Directors.

Power to Discipline – Suspend or Expel

The Walnut Creek Baseball Board of Directors shall have the power to suspend or expel (temporarily or permanently) any member for violating any provision of the Walnut Creek Baseball Code of Conduct without warning. If necessary, the Walnut Creek Board of Directors will investigate as deemed appropriate and will communicate their decision to the individual.