

Parent & Spectator Code of Conduct

Astoria Youth Baseball exists to provide a safe, competitive, and positive environment for the youth of our community. The experience our players have is shaped not only by coaches and teammates, but by the adults who support them from the sidelines.

As a parent or spectator, I agree to uphold the following standards:

Support the Players

- Encourage effort, resilience, and sportsmanship.
- Allow players to learn, compete, and grow without fear of embarrassment.
- Recognize that development — not just outcomes — is the priority.

Respect Coaches and Umpires

- Treat coaches, volunteers, and umpires with courtesy at all times.
- Understand that judgment calls and coaching decisions are part of the game.
- Refrain from criticizing officials, coaches, or players from the sidelines.

Model Composure and Sportsmanship

- Demonstrate behavior that reflects positively on our athletes and community.
- Avoid confrontational or emotionally charged behavior at practices or games.
- Use appropriate language and maintain a family-friendly atmosphere at all times.

Maintain a Positive Game Environment

- Applaud effort from all players, not just your own child.
- Refrain from coaching from the stands.
- Support a competitive atmosphere grounded in respect and integrity.

Communication & Resolution Expectations

Astoria Youth Baseball encourages respectful, direct communication between families and coaches as the first step in addressing routine concerns.

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Direct Communication First

Questions regarding playing time, position assignments, skill development, or team dynamics should be discussed directly with the Head Coach before contacting league leadership. Open communication helps prevent misunderstandings and strengthens relationships.

The 24-Hour Rule

Following games or emotionally charged situations, families are encouraged to allow at least 24 hours before initiating discussion with a coach. This cooling-off period promotes thoughtful, productive dialogue.

Appropriate Escalation

Board involvement is appropriate when concerns involve safety, misconduct, Code of Conduct violations, or when good-faith communication has not resolved the issue. Formal complaints must follow the written submission procedures outlined in the AYB Bylaws.

Supporting Healthy Player Development

Coaches may engage in age-appropriate, development-focused conversations with players as part of normal instruction and mentorship. When discussions involve sensitive matters, additional care and transparency are expected to ensure clarity and player well-being.

Our shared responsibility is to create an environment where athletes feel supported, respected, and free to grow.

By participating in Astoria Youth Baseball activities, parents and spectators acknowledge their responsibility to uphold these standards and contribute to a positive league culture.

Compete Hard. Grow Strong.