



## MSBSF Parental/Guardian Code of Conduct

We, the **Madison Summer Baseball/Softball Federation** in regards to the **M.O.C. League** have implemented the following **Sport Parent Code of Conduct** for the important message it holds about the proper role of parents/guardians in supporting their child in sports. Parents/guardians should read, understand and sign this form prior to their children participating in our league. Any parent/guardian guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and/or be suspended from the following game. Repeat violations may cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games.

### Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: • **Trustworthiness**, • **Respect**, • **Responsibility**, • **Fairness**, • **Caring**, and • **Good Citizenship**. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any health issues, physical disability or playing handicap that may affect the safety of my child or the safety and health of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting, refusing to show sportsmanship during or after a game, or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.