

NJBL CODE OF CONDUCT AND PLEDGE

A. PLAYERS AND COACHES

1. Sportsmanship is crucial at any sporting event and should be conducted at all times:
 - - Self-control and respect for teammates, opposing athletes, officials and spectators at all times. Foul language, game “trash talking” and insulting remarks are not acceptable behavior. Respect the integrity, safety and dignity of others and their property.
 - - Cooperation- Athletes and parents are expected to follow the rules and protocol of their sport and should not intentionally violate the integrity of the sport.
 - - Follow the ideals of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and fair play.
 - - Respect the integrity and judgment of the game officials.
 - - Encourage leadership, use of initiative and good judgment by teammates.
 - - Recognize that the purpose of athletics is to promote the physical, moral, social and emotional well being of the individual player.
 - - Remember that the athletic contest is only a game, not a matter of life or death for the athlete, coach, spectator or community.
2. An athlete may not use alcohol, tobacco or illegal substances at any time. Disciplinary action will be taken.
3. Athletes are expected to adhere to team rules and directions. Inappropriate behavior may interfere with a coach’s ability to conduct games/ practices and puts the team’s objectives at risk. Athletes and parents are encouraged to communicate with coaches before or after practice/games to avoid team distractions if necessary.

B. SPECTATORS – Spectators are welcomed and encouraged to attend. All spectators are expected to conform to the accepted standard and practices of sportsmanship. Lack of sportsmanship, especially from spectators, leads to negative impressions and will distract athletes. Please follow the following guidelines:

- Respect officials, visiting coaches, visiting players, and visiting spectators. Treat all visitors as guests to our fields and community.

- - Disrespectful remarks and obscene gestures must be avoided at all times. Positive remarks are encouraged.
- - Refrain from all derogatory comments toward any player, coach, official or spectator.

C. PARENTS- Parents must realize that inherent in the participation in athletics is the danger that injury or fatality may result from an accident. In the event of injury to their son/daughter, the parent(s) will first submit the accident claim for medical expenses, if any, to their personal health insurance carrier (i.e. Blue Cross, Blue Shield, GHI, etc.) and if there is any unpaid balance for medical expenses incurred during treatment of this injury, they will then submit a claim to the NJBL's carrier. The NJBL policy provides partial coverage, (secondary coverage to parent(s) primary), and in most cases a balance remains that is not covered by either parent's insurance policy or the NJBL's.

D. CONCUSSIONS- Concussion management and awareness information are available on the NJBL's web site under Rules and Regulations, Rule B 14.

E. PLEDGE- We have read the NJBL Code of Conduct and are willing to adhere to all rules and expected behaviors. We are also aware that disciplinary action will be instituted if we fail to adhere to the rules and expected behaviors.