

PARENTS

The great majority of parents whose children are involved in baseball behave very well at games. They realize that the principles, which they impart at home, are valid away from home. They also realize that they are their child's primary role models. These parents know how to act in front of young, impressionable children. They also know that their teenagers need a consistent model of good behavior, as well.

Unfortunately, for some, they begin to believe, usually as they see more games, and begin to have more knowledge, that they have a role at games. Baseball is a game for kids and in the actual game, parents have no role. Some parents report that they believe they have a role to "remind" umpires of calls, "yell at the umpire" to insure that the umpire won't make another call against the team, intimidate other teams' players, and other things. Any activity for parents and spectators, other than occasional, positive support for their own team, is completely inappropriate.

There is no place in baseball for parents to address any comments to umpires or players from other teams: NO PLACE at all. The only comments even remotely allowed are positive comments from parents to their own team. Even then, instructions on how to play are NEVER permitted.

We are offering a helpful Code of Conduct for Parents since having no role except as observers is so difficult.

Parent Code of Conduct Lorain Youth Baseball

1. You are your child's Number One role model. Present the best possible example of character and behavior at all times.
2. Allow the coach to coach the team. Be an enthusiastic, positive supporter of the coaches' work during games by your actions and words.
3. Relieve the pressure of competition by helping players to enjoy practices and games. Players feel enough pressure on their own without any being added by parents.
4. Help your child by having them at practice and games on time and properly equipped.
5. Treat all participants (players, coaches, umpires and spectators) with the same respect that you want for your child. Never yell at or touch a umpire.
6. Learn all that you can about the game. Before trying to interpret the Rules of the Game, be sure that you know the Rules of the Game.
7. Appreciate good play, no matter who makes it.
8. Remember that the game is for the players and no one else. Do all you can to support them, and make baseball as positive an educational experience as possible for them.
9. Take an active interest in how participation is affecting your child as he/she grows into an adult. Help them know how to win, and how to find positives in a losing game.