

2013/2014 PLYMOUTH PANTHER'S 12U GREY TEAM'S PLAYER/PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The following rules pertain to all Plymouth Panther's 12U Grey Team 2013/2014 players, parents, and spectators. The intent of this code of conduct is to promote sportsmanship, respect for the game, and to establish an understanding of the policies, rules, and expected behavior.

- **Demonstrate respect for the game, all coaches, umpires, teammates, opposing players, property, & parents at all times.**
- **Always demonstrate a high level of sportsmanship.** Never throw or slam your glove, helmet, bat or other equipment in frustration. Respect the umpire's calls - if a call needs to be questioned, it is the responsibility of the Head Coach only. The use of foul language or references to drugs or alcohol from any player will not be tolerated at any time, including during league games, practices, at tournaments, overnight outings, or any other team event.
- **Players are expected to run on and off the field during games and to hustle during all practice sessions.**
- **Players need to remain in the dugout and be focused during games, with the exception of using the restroom.**
- **Food or snacks are not permitted in the dugout, with the exception of sunflower seeds and something to drink.**
- **No coaching from the sidelines or making comments of any type to the umpires.** This hurts and damages the reputation of our organization and sets a bad example for our players. Such actions will not be tolerated.
- **Parents are not permitted in the dugout and should not hang out near the dugout during games.** This is distracting to the players. We are trying to instill an environment where all of the players are focused on the game and supporting their teammates.
- **Address all coaching decisions and/or feedback with the Head Coach on a one-on-one basis.** Parents should refrain from second guessing coaches decisions in front of players, parents, umpires, or other teams at any time.
- **Honor the 24 hour rule.** If you have any coaching questions or comments about the game, we have a 24 hour rule. Please wait 24 hours before addressing your concerns with the Head Coach.
- **Respect player positioning, playing time, and batting order decisions made by the Head Coach.** Player positions are earned and are made with the best interest of the team in mind – not the individual player. Players will be assigned and developed in a primary and secondary position. Players will be continuously developed and evaluated by the coaching staff during practices and games throughout the course of the season. If you have any questions related to this, please contact your team's Head Coach. He can provide feedback and advise what areas your player can improve on.
- **Understand that practices and games may need to be cancelled or rescheduled at the last minute due to bad weather or other situations out of our control.** We do not like to make last minute changes, but understand that we have to react to weather conditions, poor field conditions, and the opposing team's ability to play. We will continue to provide the timeliest notifications as possible.
- **Be on time and RSVP for all games, practices, and other team events.** We require all players to reply back via email to the Head Coach. Game preparations and lineups are established several days beforehand. Players are expected to arrive on time or early to practices and games. Players are expected to be **on the field** 45 minutes before the posted game start time. Players are expected to be on the field or in the practice facility 15 minutes before the posted practice start time.

By signing this contract, I agree to all rules and guidelines, and accept the consequences when these guidelines are not followed. Any violation of this contract could result in discipline, reduction of playing time, suspension, up to dismissal from the organization with no refunds.

Player Signature

Parent Signature

Date