

Brandon Valley Youth Softball Association

Sportsmanship Statement & Umpire Harassment Policy

Coaches—Reading this policy is your entire team's warning!

It is your responsibility to ensure that all persons involved with your team have received this policy, as it is the only warning you and your team will receive.

Umpire abuse WILL NOT be tolerated from anyone!

Any offense reported or seen shall be dealt with immediately by the UIC, by a league commissioner or by any board member.

Coaches, players and parents DO NOT argue or harass an umpire.

The umpire is in charge of the game. If there is a question, please ask the question, DO NOT challenge the umpire's call.

Coaches are in charge of their players, parents and anyone else associated with their team.

It is the coach's responsibility to keep them under control. When your team is at bat, the only people on the field are the first base coach, the third base coach, any runners, the batter and the on-deck batter.

All other players, coaches, scorekeepers and anyone else associated with your team should be either in the dugout or behind the fence. Please keep your players and fans back from the fence and do not allow hanging on the fences. This is for their safety.

Defensive coaching is only allowed in the co-ed league.

Smoking and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages will not be allowed.

This policy is in effect for all players, coaches, and team officials. Violation of this policy will result in the suspension of the offender under the guidelines listed below. We are asking that you refrain from this activity for a few hours for the health of our children.

Penalties for the violation of the above policy are:

1. First offense- possible ejection of the COACH in the game being played
2. Second offense- ejection of the COACH for the game being played and the next scheduled game.
3. Third offense- suspension of the COACH for the remainder of the season. The Board can extend this suspension if the violation is deemed flagrant. The Board also has the ability to forfeit the team's current game and at least one more game, depending on the circumstances.