

BALDWIN WHITEHALL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY

In recent years there has been increased incidence of violence and injury during youth sports programs. In an effort to prevent and/or penalize misconduct, it has become imperative that the **BWAA** Board of Directors adopt a policy that will influence the behavior of all **BWAA** managers, coaches, players, parents, spectators, and even visiting teams and organizations.

It is with great disappointment that as a premier Baseball Athletic Association that we must be leaders in this area and address the conduct and behavior of Spectators, players, parents, coaches, and managers. We not only need to approach this behavior within our organization, but with the Associations and Organizations our children come into contact with during play at our permitted fields and property. We also need an effective program to protect our children when we have teams that travel. In an effort to do this we have developed the **BWAA Zero Tolerance Policy** in which any misconduct we feel as unacceptable on any of our facilities can be monitored and enforced.

It is important that we take this opportunity to realize the reason we are involved with our children. We are to teach our children competitive baseball, softball and most of all proper sportsmanship in an environment that is conducive to foster and promote these values.

All parents/guardians must read/understand, and agree to abide by the rules set forth by this policy. No child is permitted to play unless the parent/guardian signs the appropriate form acknowledging and agreeing to this policy.

CONDUCT THAT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

1. FIGHTING- Coaches, Players, Parents, or *BWAA* representatives. On any *BWAA* permitted field or any facility in use by *BWAA* children or parents. *Team managers are also responsible for the conduct of all players, coaches, and parents of players.*
2. Any Player, parent, or spectator on any *BWAA* permitted field that interferes with the game or is acting inappropriately.
3. Destruction of any *BWAA* permitted field or property and equipment owned by *BWAA*.
4. Any Persons visibly intoxicated.
5. All inappropriate or violent actions either physical or verbal directed toward any umpire, coach, player, parent or spectator.
6. Insubordination toward any umpire.
7. Failure to adhere to *BWAA* or *Little League* rules.
8. Any other conduct found unacceptable or inappropriate by the **BWAA** umpires or Board of Directors.

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BWAA PENALTIES FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE INFRACTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1ST OFFENSE - Immediate ejection from the property. Suspension from all **BWAA** permitted fields and facilities for fourteen (14) days. Players or coaches will not be permitted to play or practice.

2ND OFFENSE - Immediate ejection from all **BWAA** permitted fields or facilities. Suspension from all **BWAA** activities for one (1) Year. **BWAA** will also criminally prosecute to the fullest extent, allowable by law.

FIGHTING - Independent of the above actions and pending a board hearing, any managers, coaches, or representatives of the **BWAA** who initiates threatening, physical contact with any Manager, Coach, Spectator, or Umpire will be removed from his position in the **BWAA** and immediately suspended from all **BWAA** activities for up to one (1) year.

Independent of all **BWAA** actions local authorities may find reasonable cause to arrest or fine all individuals on any borough or **BWAA** facility.

* A player may be penalized for action of a parent/guardian/fan.