VABA Parent Code of Conduct

I agree:

To remember that the game is for my player, not for me. I will put the emotional and physical well being of all the players ahead of my personal desire to win. I will never ridicule or yell at any player for making a mistake or losing a game.

To have my ball player to practices and games on time. I will also pick them up immediately after a game/practice. I will let the coach know in advance if my player will be late or absent.

To respect the officials and their authority during games. I will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct such as taunting, profane language or gestures.

To remember that the coaches are volunteers. I will support and respect my player's coach and support their efforts. I will not question the coach's decisions or line ups, nor will I engage in negative conversation with my player about the coach's decisions. If I am concerned about something, I will arrange a private, face-to-face meeting with my player's coach.

To never approach the coaches before, during, or after a game. The coaches are here to coach and need to direct their attention to the players during that time. After a game, emotions are running high for all parties. My player will remain with the team during the entire game and will participate in post-game cleanup.

If I am frustrated with my ball player's playing time…

-If the player is frustrated as well, ask them if they have talked to the coach. If they have, discuss with them the conversation. Ask about the coach's response, their advice and what they need to do. Ask your player if they are working hard in practice.

-If the player hasn't spoken with their coach, they need to. Then follow up on the conversation.

-If your player continues to be frustrated, then you can schedule a time to meet with the coach on a face-to-face basis. No phone or email discussion, except to schedule the meeting.

To get involved. Offer to work the concession stand when asked. Help keep the scorebook during a game. Help pick up trash from the dugouts and bleachers after the games.

Consequences:

1. A verbal warning from any coach, umpire or VABA board member.
2. Banishment for the parent/guardian from all further practices and games. Length will be determined by the VABA Board at their next monthly board meeting.

Player Name	Mother/Guardian Signature	Father/Guardian Signature	Date