



Parents Code of Conduct

1. **I will let the players play:** Cheer them on when they do well, encourage them when they don't. I will not coach or instruct from the stands, and will not interfere with the game. Don't expect more than they can deliver, and most importantly, be a fan of everyone on the team, not just your own child.
2. **I will communicate responsibly.** If a problem needs to be discussed, I will wait 24 hours to request a meeting with the Manager to calmly discuss the issue. Any safety or health related item should be identified immediately. If a meeting with the Manager cannot be arranged in a timely manner, contact the Age Group Director (AGD) to schedule a meeting.
3. **I will let the coaches coach.** Your child's coach deserves your cooperation and respect even if you disagree with how the team is managed. If you don't agree with the way the coach manages any aspect of a game or practice, discuss it personally with the coach. Waiting 24 hours to address your concern will facilitate a calm conversation on the issue.
4. **I will let the umpires umpire.** I will accept the calls made by the umpire and understand that the Indians Manager is the sole individual responsible for reviewing plays and rules with the umpire. I will not make any negative comments to the umpires or about their calls.
5. **I understand that playing for the Illinois Indians is a privilege.** Our family made this decision completely voluntarily, without any pressure or coercion. I acknowledge that paying the team fee entitles my son to nothing more than being part of the team.
6. **I agree and understand the reality that playing time cannot be equal.** Some players may have more plate appearances, innings pitched, positions and roles than other players. That is the nature of the game and is at the discretion of the coach.
7. **I will not enter the dugout or participate in conversations with the team during a game.** I will ensure that my son is prepared with everything he needs prior to the game.
8. **I will encourage my child to take ownership and be responsible for his / her baseball experience.**
9. **I will encourage my child to follow the Player Code of Conduct.**
10. **I will display good sportsmanship.**
11. **I will respect the facilities that we play in and I will assist in keeping them clean and safe.**
12. **I will positively encourage the players on the field.** While baseball "chatter" is sometimes used during a game, loud obnoxious noises or screaming with the intent to rattle the opposing pitcher is prohibited. Intentional distractions, such as banging or rattling dugout fences will not be tolerated.
13. **I will not bring or consume alcohol in any park facilities where any Indian team is present.**
14. **I will not smoke or use any tobacco products in the dugout or within 10 feet of the fence or playing field.**

Signed (M): _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Signed (D): _____

Date: _____

Print Name: _____