



Spring Grove Baseball Association

2026 Code of Conduct & Disciplinary Policy

Spring Grove Baseball is a proud member of the York County Baseball League (YCBL) and is committed to fostering a positive, respectful, and safe baseball environment for all participants.

This YCBL Code of Conduct applies to **all coaches, players, parents, guardians, spectators, volunteers, and guests** associated with Spring Grove Baseball.

1. Scope of Applicability

This Code of Conduct remains in full effect at all Spring Grove Baseball and YCBL-sanctioned:

- Games (home and away)
- Practices
- Tournaments
- Opening Day ceremonies
- Team gatherings
- Fundraisers
- League meetings
- Awards events
- Any event hosted by Spring Grove Baseball or its affiliated organizations

Participation in Spring Grove Baseball constitutes agreement to abide by this Code.

2. Code of Conduct Expectations

The following actions are violations of this Code of Conduct:

- Being removed or ejected from a game or league event
 - Demonstrating unsportsmanlike conduct, including:
 - Disrespectful behavior
 - Arguing with officials
 - Insubordination
 - Use of obscene language or gestures
 - Disruptive behavior
 - Possession, use, or visible influence of illegal drugs or alcohol at any league function
 - Use of tobacco products, including vaping and e-cigarettes, within the vicinity of youth players or playing fields
 - Verbal abuse, intimidation, or harassment directed toward:
 - Umpires
 - Coaches
 - Players
 - League officials
 - Volunteers
 - Speaking to or about players (including one's own child) in a negative, belittling, or demeaning manner
 - Bullying, threatening behavior, or social media harassment involving any participant
 - Entering the field of play without authorization from league officials (except in case of injury or emergency)
 - Any action determined by Spring Grove Baseball or YCBL to undermine the safety, integrity, or values of the league
 - Any conduct deemed detrimental to Spring Grove Baseball or the York County Baseball League
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3. Reporting and Enforcement

All violations must be reported in writing to:

- The Spring Grove Baseball President - president@springgrovebaseball.com
- The YCBL President (when applicable)

Reports should include:

- Date and time of the incident
- Names of individuals involved
- Description of the incident

Spring Grove Baseball leadership, in coordination with YCBL when necessary, will review all reports and determine appropriate action.

4. Disciplinary Measures

Violations of the Code of Conduct may result in the following minimum disciplinary actions:

- **First Violation** – Suspension from all league activities for no fewer than 7 days
- **Second Violation** – Suspension from all league activities for no fewer than 14 days
- **Third Violation** – Indefinite or permanent removal from Spring Grove Baseball and/or YCBL

Spring Grove Baseball and YCBL reserve the right to increase, decrease, or modify penalties based on the severity and nature of the offense.

Suspensions apply to **all league-related activities**, including practices and games.

5. Fines and Organizational Responsibility

YCBL may impose fines for Code of Conduct violations involving players, coaches, parents, or spectators affiliated with Spring Grove Baseball.

- Fines will be billed to Spring Grove Baseball by YCBL.
- Spring Grove Baseball may seek reimbursement from the individual(s) responsible.
- Failure to pay fines may result in additional penalties including:

- Suspension of team privileges
- Withholding of deposits
- Ineligibility for postseason play

Fine amounts are determined by YCBL based on the severity of the incident.

6. Zero Tolerance for Physical Altercations

Spring Grove Baseball and YCBL maintain a strict zero-tolerance policy regarding physical aggression.

Any incident involving physical aggression, contact, or violence will result in:

- Immediate suspension from all league activities
- Expedited review within 7 days

If confirmed:

- A mandatory minimum **one-year suspension** will be imposed
- A second confirmed incident will result in a **lifetime ban** from all Spring Grove Baseball and YCBL activities

There will be no warnings issued for physical altercations.

7. Guest Responsibility

Parents and guardians are responsible for ensuring that:

- Family members
- Friends
- Extended guests

Understand and comply with this Code of Conduct.

Violations by guests may result in penalties applied to the associated player or team.

8. Commitment to Sportsmanship

Spring Grove Baseball is committed to:

- Respect for umpires and officials
- Positive coaching
- Player development
- Good sportsmanship
- A safe and encouraging environment

We ask all families to support our mission by modeling the behavior we expect from our players.

9. Reservation of Rights

Spring Grove Baseball reserves the right to impose additional disciplinary action beyond the minimum penalties outlined in this Code of Conduct when deemed necessary.

The Spring Grove Baseball Board of Directors may, at its sole discretion:

- Increase the length of any suspension
- Impose additional conditions for reinstatement
- Restrict attendance at games or practices
- Remove an individual from volunteer or coaching roles
- Issue probationary status
- Enforce any other corrective measures considered appropriate

All decisions made by the executive board for disciplinary actions will be based on the results of a thorough investigation performed by the board.

Disciplinary decisions will be based on the severity of the incident, prior conduct, and the best interests of the players, organization, and league.

Spring Grove Baseball retains full authority to take any action it determines necessary to protect the safety, integrity, and reputation of the organization.

Acknowledgment

By registering a player with Spring Grove Baseball, families acknowledge that they have read, understand, and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct.

Failure to comply may result in disciplinary action as outlined above.