



WELLES PARK TRAVEL BASEBALL

- Parent Code of Conduct -

Participating in the Welles Park House All-Star / Full-Time travel program is an opportunity for our ball players to continue their development on the field. The travel program allows them to play at a higher level of competition against teams from around the Chicagoland area and, in some cases, around the country. With that being said, travel baseball games can include an enhanced intensity level, which can be fun and exciting. We ask, however, that everyone work to shape that intensity in a positive manner. Parent and family support is fundamental and important in setting positive examples for our youth with respect to behavior on and off the playing field. As a WPPA Travel Parent, you hereby pledge to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for each child participating in WPPA by following this Code of Conduct:

- We are a developmental league. And while we indeed do care about having success, your player's long-term development is paramount to winning. To that end, we ask that you trust the process and the professional coaches that have been entrusted to oversee development.
- You will remember that players participate to have fun and that the game is for the players, not the parents.
- You will limit your comments to words of encouragement for all of the players.
- You (and your guests) will be a positive role model for your player and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or team activity.
- You will not coach from the sidelines or behind the backstop, or station yourself near/in the dugout. In-game parent input interferes with coaching, gameplans and player concentration. During the game is not the time to adjust fundamentals. Unless requested, you will not linger at practice. Only designated parents that have been asked to help with the team by an official coach will be allowed to remain at practice.
- Do not publicly question an umpire's judgment or their honesty. Accept the umpire's decision as final and respect the fact that they, too, make mistakes.
- TeamSnap and GameChanger are important parts of making travel baseball run smoothly. You will check your TeamSnap and GameChanger on a regular basis and update player status for practices and games.
- The GameChanger stats function, however, is not meant to be a tool to foster feedback or suggestions. These statistics can include significant variance and subjectivity at the youth level. Head coaches and our professional development team will be the ultimate decision maker in setting lineups and positions based on observed trends in performance.
- You will refrain from booing, heckling or jeering. The focus is on the players, not on your opinion of the game or play.



- Recognize the value and importance of our professional and volunteer coaches. Give them their due respect. Without them, there would be no travel baseball program.
- If you have a problem and/or conflict with the coaches, do not approach them during or after a game. Call or email the head coach after the game ends to discuss the matter.
- You understand that the coach may impose additional rules, guidelines and/or policies that you are required to follow and failure to comply with the rules, guidelines and/or policies is a violation of your commitment.

Any parent or guest who demonstrates improper conduct in violation of the above rules at any game or practice will be asked to leave the field of play or facility and will be suspended from the following game. Any subsequent violation will result in a multiple-game suspension or even the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending subsequent games. Any misconduct will be reported to the WPPA Board.

