First, to all of the players, have a great baseball season. It is your spirit and enthusiasm that contribute most to a successful season for everyone involved. Second, we would like to remind everyone involved in any WAA activity (players, head coaches, assistant coaches, parents, and fans) that all of us represent WAA in Webster, and when we play in other towns. Good sportsmanship and good behavior insure continued WAA participation in youth baseball activities.

WAA Code of Conduct

Players:

- 1. Demonstrate self control and respect at all times for others, including officials, coaches, spectators and other players.
- 2. Treat opponents with respect. Shake hands and congratulate opponents after the game.
- 3. Respect the integrity and judgment of the coaches and officials.
- 4. Understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the game.
- 5. Accept both victory and defeat with dignity.
- 6. Remember that the use, abuse and resulting negative influence of drugs, alcohol, and tobacco is detrimental to the game and its participants.

Coaches/League Officials:

It is the responsibility of the coaches and league officials to:

- 1. Abide by Little League and WAA rules and regulations.
- 2. Promote good sportsmanship by setting a positive example while coaching.
- 3. Respect the integrity and judgment of the league administration.
- 4. View competition as a healthy and constructive exercise; not as a struggle with victory as the only goal.
- 5. Recognize that the participants are young people, with human frailties and limitations, and are capable of making mistakes.
- 6. Refrain from the use of crude or abusive language with players, opponents, officials and spectators.
- 7. Instruct the players in good sportsmanship and remove players from competition who demonstrate unsportsmanlike behavior.
- 8. Avoid behavior that will incite players, opponents or spectators in a negative way.

Spectators:

It is the responsibility of the spectator to:

- 1. Cheer positively. There should be no derogatory language/gestures or profanity.
- 2. Avoid actions that offend the other team or any individual player, coach, or umpire.
- 3. Show appreciation of good play by both teams.
- 4. Learn the rules of the game in order to be a better informed spectator.
- 5. Accept the judgment of coaches, umpires, and league officials.
- 6. Encourage other spectators to participate in the spirit of good sportsmanship.

Actions that are <u>not</u> in line with this Code of Conduct will result in immediate and possible future consequences as described in the WAA Disciplinary Procedures.