

“Sluggers” Code of Conduct

The following “Sluggers” Code of Conduct is intended to clarify areas of particular importance to student-athletes. More specifically, it is intended to clarify your obligations and guide your conduct. It is your responsibility as a “Slugger” to read and understand the following standards of conduct. If you are uncertain about any aspect of the “Sluggers” Code of Conduct, please consult with your instructor.

Obligations as a Student:

Your general obligation as a student is to make satisfactory progress as defined by your parents and educational institution.

As a community service organization, Sluggers Hitting Zone exists to enrich the lives of children through what many consider rewarding experiences – Education & Athletics. Consistent with our mission, your primary objective as a student should be to use and further develop your talents to obtain the highest level of education possible. While time commitments are demanding during your season, you must never lose sight of your academic responsibilities. In order to carry out your general obligation as a student, you must:

- 1. Maintain eligibility to practice.** You must remain in good academic standing, as defined by your parents and educational institution, in order to participate in the Individual Baseball Instructional Program. If a student-athlete fails to remain in good academic standing, he or she will be temporarily withheld from practice until the situation is rectified.
- 2. Attend class.** There is a direct correlation between classroom attendance and academic success. Accordingly, class attendance is mandatory for all “Sluggers” enrolled in the Individual Baseball Instructional Program. Sluggers Hitting Zone will be advised of absences and class attendance will be monitored accordingly.
- 3. Live the “Sluggers” Code of Honor.** The Sluggers Code of Honor covers all academic work. It prohibits all forms of scholastic dishonesty, including cheating and plagiarism. If you have any questions about whether the Sluggers Code of Honor applies to a given assignment, it is your responsibility to ask your teacher directly. A breach of the Sluggers Code of Honor will result in an immediate and indefinite suspension from the Individual Baseball Instructional Program.

Obligations as an Athlete:

Your general obligation as an athlete is to represent, with integrity your family, school, team, and Sluggers Hitting Zone.

As a “Slugger”, your attitude, actions, and statements are constantly in the public eye and reflect directly on your family, school, team, teammates and Sluggers Hitting Zone. As an enrolled “Slugger” within the Individual Baseball Instructional Program, you have a special responsibility in representing Sluggers Hitting Zone. As an athlete, you are responsible for obeying the rules and regulations of your league, which include those of Little League Baseball. In order to carry out your general obligation as a “Slugger”, you will:

- 1. Display good sportsmanship.** You are expected to conform to established guidelines of sportsmanlike conduct in athletic competition, both on and off the playing field. Sportsmanlike conduct includes showing respect toward all that are in attendance at an athletic event: officials, coaches, athletes, opponents, and the fans. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes inappropriate behavior in language, gesture, or action, which demeans, physically intimidates, or endangers others.
- 2. Protect your health.** In addition to fulfilling the training requirements of your sport, you will not use nor consume non-therapeutic drugs or alcohol.
- 3. Obey team rules and policies.** Your coaches have or will establish rules for guiding your success as a member of a team. You are expected to follow their guidance and develop the ability to work well with your teammates.

Obligations as a Community Member:

Your obligations extend beyond the classroom and the athletic field. Like others, you are a member of several communities. You are a member of the Ottumwa, Wapello County, State of Iowa, United States of America and, among others, the Sluggers Hitting Zone community. In order to carry out your general obligation as a member of these communities, you must:

- 1. Obey policies and regulations.** As a member of the aforementioned communities, you are expected to comply with all governing policies and regulations.
- 2. Obey all federal, state, and city laws.** As a “Slugger” you are visible within the community. You should make a conscious effort to avoid “being in the wrong place at the wrong time.” One trademark of a “Slugger” is Good Judgment. Use it all the time!

Enforcement of Code of Conduct

Like other “Sluggers”, you are expected to comply with the “Sluggers Code of Conduct at all times. Failure to uphold the “Sluggers” Code of Conduct will result in, notice, review, suspension or expulsion from the Program, depending on the offense.

As a “Slugger”, I will honor the “Sluggers” Code of Conduct.