

Texas Rangers Youth Academy and NIKE RBI Code of Ethics

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Texas Rangers Youth Academy programs and NIKE RBI is to maintain and promote the teaching of fundamentals, sportsmanship, character, and appropriate behavior among all participants. This Code of Ethics is to ensure that emphasis is placed on motivation and development of the total individual and not on winning.

THE CODE:

Youth and adults connected with the Texas Rangers Youth Academy and NIKE RBI league affect hundreds of players; therefore, it is imperative that those connected with the league and academy programs always engage in conduct that is representative of the league and programs.

1. Under no conditions should anyone “curse out” a player on or off the field. This is not our right.
2. Under no conditions swear, commit, or imply a vulgar act or motion.
3. Never make a statement that constitutes a racial slur or that is demeaning to any person. Encourage respect and tolerance for all people.
4. Do not bait or “ride” umpires, opposing players, managers, and coaches. Appropriate conduct should prevail. The manager may inquire as to the nature or interpretation of a rule, but after an explanation, there should be no further questions or actions.
5. Do not “ride” or belittle the opposition. We are building character and togetherness.
6. Please refrain from smoking or using tobacco products at all practices and during games.
7. Do not use words of instruction to a player or team which are disrespectful, malicious, or defamatory.
8. Do not drink any alcoholic beverages or be under the influence of drugs or alcohol at any time in the presence of players or in any context involving the league.
9. Speak in the collective about a game. All victories are team victories, and a team spirit should always be exhibited.
10. Never use a player who has been injured until you are certain that the player has fully recovered.
11. All teams should play every player in as much of every game as possible.
12. Do everything possible to ensure that playing NIKE RBI and participating in Rangers Youth Academy programs is a rewarding experience for the players. Encourage your players to be good scholars and equality good citizens.
13. Make certain that managers, coaches, and your team shake hands with the opposing team after each game.
14. Never let your personal desire to win take precedent over the Texas Rangers Youth Academy and NIKE RBI Code of Ethics.
15. Do not hesitate to remind others of the Texas Rangers Youth Academy and NIKE RBI Code of Ethics and do not be offended when you are reminded.