



BMBA Player/Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

Introduction

Bedford Minor Baseball Association takes great pride that its members (Players, Parents, Guardians, Coaches and Volunteers) act in accordance with values we consider important: respect, responsibility, trust, fairness and caring.

We are dedicated to pursuing victory with honour, to adhering to the rules of competition, sportsmanship, and developing baseball players with strong moral character.

We recognize that healthy sports experiences require support and input from “Members” but to ensure a safe and healthy baseball environment “Members” must adhere to a Code of Conduct.

Code of Conduct

- I will not force my child to participate in baseball
- I will remember that my child plays baseball for their enjoyment, not mine. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflict without resorting to hostility or violence
- I will teach my child that playing fair, trying hard and doing one’s best are as important as winning so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome by the game or by his/her performance. I will remember that children learn by example. I will applaud good plays by both my child’s team and their opponents. I will make comments that encourage continued effort.
- I will show respect for athletes, coaches, officials, and other spectators and their decisions and I will encourage other participants to do the same. I will refrain from using foul and abusive language, alcohol, and inappropriate physical behaviour

- I will remember that officials are developing their skills as are the players they are officiating · I will support BMBA's efforts to prevent verbal and physical abuse at baseball games · I will respect and show appreciation for the efforts of coaching staff and team officials who volunteer their time for baseball for my child
- I will act responsibly and show respect towards all facilities and facility staff · If I wish to express a concern or make a complaint, I will do so using the appropriate channels and in a positive and constructive manner and after having observed the 24-hour waiting period. If I do not know the proper channels in BMBA I will contact the administrator for assistance. I will remember that, like coaches and players, I represent BMBA and will do my best to create a positive impression
- I remember that minor baseball players are children and cannot be held to a professional standard. I will have realistic expectations.
- I will encourage my guests at my child's games to respect and abide by these same rules

Any parent who fails to comply with the rules and regulations of the Association and exhibits behaviour that is deemed inappropriate, is subject to disciplinary action by the Executive.

I understand that BMBA will apply restrictions of privilege if I do not adhere to the "Members" Code of Conduct Agreement and all BMBA and BNS Rules and Regulations. These restrictions will be determined by the Disciplinary Committee and can include spectator privileges, player suspension, and/or removal from the association based on the frequency and severity of incidents.

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the BMBA Code of Conduct and agree to abide by these guidelines.

Date

Parents'/Guardians' Names and Signatures

Parent/Guardian #1 Name:

Parent/Guardian #1 Signature

Parent/Guardian #2 Name (if applicable):

Parent/Guardian #2 Signature (if applicable)

Player Name:

Player Signature