

CODES OF CONDUCT

1. PLAYERS

- I. Know the rules of Baseball and ensure that you play within them.
- II. Do not argue with umpires or officials.
- III. Do no ridicule players, official or spectators. Verbal abuse or physical interference will not be tolerated.
- IV. Strive to play to the best of your ability at all times both at practice and at games.
- V. Respect the time and effort put into baseball by your coaches and officials.
- VI. Encourage your team-mates even when they make mistakes.
- VII. When on the bench, encourage your team and be prepared to play at all times.
- VIII. Respect your opponents and appreciate their good play.
- IX. Play to enjoy the game and improve your skills.
- X. Respect the equipment provided for your use. Abuse of equipment will not be tolerated.
- XI. Always think safety to avoid injury to yourself and others.
- XII. Be punctual for practice, games and umpiring duties (if required).
- XIII. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.

2. COACHES

- I. Be reasonable in your demands of players.
- II. Always think safety first.
- III. Know the rules of baseball and ensure that your players always play within those rules.
- IV. Develop team respect for opponents and officials.
- V. Do not ridicule players or officials and do not allow your players to do so.
- VI. Ensure any discussions with umpires are kept below the level of argument.
- VII. Discipline should be fair and consistent.
- VIII. Do not tolerate players abusing equipment or acting contrary to reasonable behaviour. Act first, before the umpire or official takes action.
- IX. Keep yourself informed of sound coaching principles and seek specialist advice when required.
- X. Endeavour to make the learning process both pleasurable and informative.
- XI. Be generous with your praise when deserved and set a good example.
- XII. Foul language of any sort should not be tolerated.
- XIII. Treat all players fairly and show no bias.

3. GAME OFFICIALS

- I. Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
- II. Accept responsibility for all your actions.
- III. Be impartial.
- IV. Avoid any situation which may lead to a conflict of interest.



- V. Be courteous, respectful and open to discussion and interaction.
- VI. Verbal abuse towards players, managers, coaches, officials or spectators will not be tolerated. 2
- VII. Seek continual self-improvement through the study, performance appraisal and regular updating of competencies.
- VIII. Develop respect for teams, managers, coaches and officials.
 - IX. Be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance.
 - X. Keep yourself informed of sound umpiring principles and seek skilled advice when necessary.

4. MEMBERS & SPECTATORS

- I. Support your team by volunteering to assist in any tasks that may need to be undertaken.
- II. Display sportsmanship by applauding good play by both teams.
- III. Encourage players to play within the rules at all times and accept the decision of the umpire.
- IV. Never abuse or ridicule umpires, players or other spectators.
- V. Do not use foul language or offensive gestures at any time.
- VI. Recognise the value and importance of volunteer coaches, officials and helpers.
- VII. Raise any problems with an official or coach through the appropriate channels.
- VIII. Accept and understand that not all players may execute a play in the same way or to the same standard.
 - IX. Support your Club by attending games and functions.
 - X. Respect the decisions of officials and encourage others to do the same.