



SSMBA Coaches Code of Conduct

Being a coach can have a very profound effect on the social, emotional, and physical development of an athlete of any age. Each player's experience on the baseball field, whether positive or negative may last their entire lifetime. The South Simcoe Minor Baseball Association strives to assure that the coach/athlete relationship and learning environment is always a positive experience so that each player's unique development can be maximized. Above all a SSMBA coach must exhibit the highest ethical and moral qualities while being a strong role model for each of the players he/she coaches.

Coach Requirements:

Coaches must:

- Treat all players, parents, spectators and league officials with the highest level of respect and dignity.
- Ensure the safety of competitors and athletes.
- Exhibit sportsmanship at all times and require that his/her players do the same. Never engage in or allow his/her players to use profanity, trash talk, be verbally abusive, taunt or behave in ways that demean players, coaches, umpires or league officials.
- Exhibit an attitude of fair play and encourage learning amongst his/her players by building rotation into their lineups and allowing the players to try all of the positions that they show an interest in.
- Learn to control his/her competitiveness. Keep his/her ego out of coaching. Emotional negative outbursts such as anger and frustration are unacceptable. Make the experience for the players interesting, enriching and fun.
- Not challenge judgment calls by the umpire. It is acceptable to challenge the interpretation of a rule, but only in a courteous non-confrontational manner. Shouting or gesticulating reactions to umpires' calls are unacceptable. Remember the younger umpires are in a learning phase and should be treated with dignity and encouragement. Concerns should be forwarded to your divisional Convener.
- Exemplify honesty, integrity, and fair play no matter what the impact might have on the outcome of the game.
- Ensure that winning and/or losing teams do so in a manner, which exhibits respect and good sportsmanship.
- Be drug and alcohol free while at any SSMBA event.
- Not use any tobacco products in or near the dugout or on the playing field.
- Be aware that if he/she forfeits a game during a regular season game a fine will be levied in accordance with the SSMBA Constitution, if it is a tournament or a playoff game a fine will be levied in accordance with the SSMBA Constitution and the team will face the potential of being removed from the tournament
- Be aware that if a Coach or player is ejected from a game by an umpire for any reason you will face an automatic one game suspension and may be required to meet with league representatives to determine if any additional action will be taken. A Coach shall automatically serve this suspension during the team's next game; further action may be taken if this suspension is not voluntarily served.
- Be aware that, a second ejection in one season will result in an automatic 3 game suspension and the coach will be required to meet with league representatives to determine if any additional action will be taken.

I have read, agree with and will endeavor to administer all of the above SSMBA principles and communicate these principles with my assistant coaches, players and parents.

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