

Player Code of Conduct

I am participating in baseball because I want to, not because others including parents or coaches want me to play.

- 1) I will play by the Rules of baseball and in the spirit of the game.
- 2) I will represent Baseball Ontario and my community in a responsible manner.
- 3) I will respect my teammates, opponents, game officials and spectators.
- 4) I will do my best to be a true team player.
- 5) I will remember that winning is not everything. Having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important.
- 6) I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and always show them respect.
- 7) I shall not email, text, or use social media in a negative manner to express my opinion or concern rather than address them through my parent/legal guardian.

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in baseball are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six (6) core principles: **trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship.**

The highest potential of the game of baseball is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character” and in an effort to achieve this potential, **Birchmount Baseball League** will enforce the Ontario Baseball’s Codes of Conduct for **every level** of membership in the association.

Birchmount Baseball League mirrors Ontario Baseball Association’s zero tolerance policy. Failure to adhere to these Codes of Conduct will result in appropriate disciplinary action at the discretion of the **Birchmount Baseball League Executive**.

As per the Ontario Baseball Association, Disciplinary Action for Code of Conduct infractions will, as a general rule, follow multi-tiered disciplinary approach, with the severity of the penalty increasing for each subsequent infraction. However, the *Birchmount Baseball League Executives* reserve the right to impose a more severe penalty than the next subsequent tier in the process should the infraction warrant such a penalty.

The penalties, in increasing order of severity are as follows:

1st Infraction – Written Warning

2nd Infraction – Single Game Suspension

3rd Infraction – Multi Game Suspension

4th Infraction – Season Long Suspension (Pending Fair Hearing)

5th Infraction – Removal from Birchmount Baseball League (Pending Review by Executive Committee)

I /we (my minor child) do hereby acknowledge the reading, understanding the above Player Code of Conduct. _____(initials)

I/we (my minor child) do hereby acknowledge compliance with the above Player Code of Conduct and penalties should disciplinary action be required. _____(Initials)

Player/Parent Signature: _____

I /we (my minor child) do hereby acknowledge that by typing my name above I / we (my minor child) shall abide by the above Player Code of Conduct.