

SURREY CANADIAN BASEBALL ASSOCIATION CODE OF ETHICS BOARD STATEMENT

Baseball is a game of emotion and at times we can get caught up in it. The problem is that we tend to verbalize that emotion – sometimes loudly and sometimes towards the Umpires, While the majority of Coaches, Players, Parents, and Spectators know the Boundaries of what is appropriate behaviour there are some who need a reminder that we are a community level sports association, not The Major League.

Coaches Code:

The function of the coach is to properly educate youngsters through participation in Surrey Canadian Baseball Association. Each person should be treated as though they were the coaches own son/daughter and their welfare shall be of the utmost importance at all times. In recognition of this, the Surrey Canadian Baseball Association Board of Directors has adopted the following guidelines for coaches.

1. The coach must be aware the he or she has a tremendous influence in the education of the players, thus, shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character.
2. The coach must constantly uphold the honor and dignity of the profession. In all Personal contact with the player, umpires, coaches, parents, league officials and the public, the coach will strive to set an example of the highest ethical standards and moral conduct.
3. The coach shall take an active role in the prevention of drug and alcohol and shall Conform the tobacco use as per parks regulation. The use, abuse and resulting negative influence of drugs, alcohol and tobacco while around players will not be tolerated.
4. The coach shall be thoroughly acquainted with the baseball rules and is responsible For their interpretation to the team members. The spirit and letter of the rules should be regarded as mutual agreements. The coach shall not try to seek an advantage by circumvention of the spirit or letter of the rules.
5. Coaches shall actively use their influence to enhance sportsmanship by their Spectators and parents, by working closely with them.
6. Umpires shale have the respect and support of the coach. The coach shall not Indulge in conduct, which will incite players or spectators against the umpires. Public criticism of umpires or players is unethical and may be subject to temporary suspension and review by Surrey Canadian Baseball Association Disciplinary Committee.

7. Before and after games, rival coaches should meet each other as well with umpires
And exchange greetings to set the correct tone for the game.

Players Code:

It is the duty and responsibility of the player to:

1. Demonstrate self-control and respect for others at all times, be they Umpires, Coaches, Parents, Spectators or other Athletes.
2. Remember that participation in Surrey Canadian Baseball Association is a Privilege that is not to be abused by unsportsmanlike conduct.
3. Deal with opponents with respect. Shake hands with opponents, opponents Coaches, as well as umpires and congratulate them on their performance.
4. Respect the integrity and judgement of the Umpires and League Officials.
5. Remember the improper behaviour while on the field reflects poorly upon you, Your family, your team, your coach and the community.
6. Understand and abide by the rules and regulations of the game.
7. Accept victory with grace and defeat with dignity.
8. Remember that the use, abuse and resulting negative of drugs, including alcohol tobacco is detrimental to the game and its participants and will not be tolerated.

Failure to not conform to the above code, may result in player suspension and review by Surrey Canadian Baseball Association Disciplinary Committee.

Spectator/Parent's Code:

It is the responsibility of the **spectator/parent's** to:

1. Keep cheering positively. There will be no profanity or degrading language or Gestures.
2. Avoid actions the offend teams, individual players, umpires, coaches, league Officials or other spectators/parent's.
3. Show appreciation of good play by both teams.
4. Learn the rules of the game in order to be a better informed spectator/parent's.

5. Treat all teams, individual players, umpires, coaches, league officials and other spectators/parent's in a manner in which you would expect to be treated.
6. Accept the judgement of coaches, umpires and league officials.
7. Encourage the coach, players and other spectators to participate in the spirit of good sportsmanship.
8. Avoid the use, abuse and resulting negative influence of drugs, including alcohol and tobacco.

Failure to not conform to the above code, may result in ejection from the park and subject to review by Surrey Canadian Baseball Association Disciplinary Committee.