



COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

SSIMBA follows the BC Minor Baseball Code of Conduct

www.bcminorbaseball.org/

[BC Minor 2019 Rule Book](#)

Being a coach can have a profound effect on the social, emotional, and physical development of an athlete of any age. The impact of each player's experience on the baseball field and in the dugout, whether positive or negative, may last their entire lifetime. The Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball Association strives to assure that the coach-athlete relationship and learning environment supports each player's unique development as well-rounded, self-confident, and engaged citizens. Above all SSIBMA coaches must exhibit the highest ethical and moral qualities while being as strong role model for each of the players they coach. Players are children first and players second. Remember that baseball is only a game. A good coach is one who can honestly say after a game that their players, win or lose, had fun and learned something.

As a Coach I will:

1. Abide by the BC Minor Baseball Code of Conduct outlined in [Section 13 of the Rule Book](#).
2. Treat every player and SSIMBA member with the highest level of respect and dignity.
3. Ensure that all players receive equal instruction, support and appropriate, fair playing time while promoting competition, fair play, and fun in my program with the goal of developing athletes and citizens.
4. Exhibit sportsmanship, honesty, integrity, and fair play at all times and no matter what the impact on the outcome of the game, showing humility in victory and grace in defeat. I will require the same from my players.
5. Not engage in or allow players to use profanity, trash talk, be verbally abusive, taunt or behave in ways that demeans players, coaches, spectators, umpires or themselves.
6. Remember that it is acceptable to challenge the interpretation of a rule, but only in a courteous non-confrontational manner. Remember the younger umpires are in a learning phase and should be treated with dignity and encouragement. Concerns should be forwarded to the Umpire-In-Chief.

7. Always be in control of my players. Any player who is not on the field, at bat, on deck, or a substitute, must be sitting on the bench inside their respective dugout. Note: There may be occasion where a coach may want to bench a player for disciplinary reasons. Although the SSIMBA does not condone this action routinely, should it be the case, a coach in doing so much notify the other coach, the umpire, the parents/guardians (as soon as possible) and the Association president.
8. Not use physical force or threaten the use of violence of any kind and at any time; I understand there is zero tolerance for this type of conduct.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and policies, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Suspension
- Immediate Removal

I confirm that I have read and understood the SSIMBA Coaches Code of Conduct and I agree to abide by these rules and policies.

Print Name	Signature	Date
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Salt Spring Island Minor Baseball Association
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