



Abbotsford Minor Baseball Association

Official Code of Conduct

Players

Abbotsford Minor Baseball is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Furthermore, AMBA supports equal opportunity and prohibits discriminatory practices and behavior. Members are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the values of AMBA. Members may be subject to sanctions according to the AMBA and BC Minor Baseball Discipline Policies for engaging in any behavior that is in direct conflict with the AMBA or BC Minor/Baseball BC code of conduct. **Being an Abbotsford Angel is a *privilege*, not a right. It is expected that players:**

Will:

- Be a positive role model for all teammates and players;
- Respect my teammates, coaches, team officials, referees, volunteers, opponents, opposing coaches, opposing teams officials and other participants in games, practices and Association activities.
- Always respect game officials' decisions;
- Display good sportsmanship at all times;

Will Not:

- Not put anyone down, or say or do anything that could hurt someone physically or emotionally;
- Verbally or physically abuse an opponent/player, coach, officials or other volunteers of AMBA or spectators;

- Show or encourage disrespect to officials, including the use of foul language and obscene or offensive gestures;
- Abuse playing equipment or playing area; Use, drugs, alcohol or tobacco products on-field at any AMBA or BC Minor Baseball sanctioned competition;

Note: *This code of conduct applies to all sanctioned baseball activities including but not limited to practices, players/coaches watching games as a spectator, and off-field conduct during team sanctioned road trips.*

Social Media Conduct:

- Think twice before posting.
- Be respectful and positive.
- Remember, many different audiences view your posts including other members, fans, alumni, kids, local authorities, parents, etc.
- The internet is permanent. Even if you delete something, it's still out there somewhere.
- Be in the right state of mind when you make a post.
- Do not post when your judgment is impaired *avoid knee jerk reactions and consider the 24hr rule*
- Any abuse, discriminatory, vulgar and/or disrespectful language or aggressive conduct directed towards any member/player/parent/volunteer/director/commissioner or executive member in regards to the AMBA on social media will not be tolerated and may be grounds for suspension and/or immediate removal from teams, coaching/volunteer roles or the AMBA program all together.

****It is expected that when disagreements and/or disputes arise, regardless of the nature, that the "24 hr" clause will come into effect. This means, no communication for at minimum 24hrs. We expect all AMBA members to follow the chain of communication outlined in our grievance policy on the AMBA website****