



# Southwestern Ontario Baseball Association

Creating a culture in which coaches, parents, fans, umpires,  
and athletes work together to achieve our mission.

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## SWOBA Code Of Conduct

As a general rule, Coaches, Players, Parents, Umpires and Volunteers are expected to follow the guidelines outlined below:

Coaches will:

- Treat all players, parents, coaches and umpires with respect and promote good sportsmanship at all times
- Agree to fair play as defined herein
- Agree that fun and development is first and foremost
- Not unduly criticize the umpires nor place blame on the umpires for any reason
- Encourage players in a positive manner and strive to suppress criticism
- Make the time to address concerns or conflicts expressed by players and / or parents
- Be cautious and safety-conscious in regards to all aspects of practices and games and will abide by parents' and / or physician's limitations that may be placed upon a player
- Not give up on the team during a game
- Notify players and parents of any changes in practices, games or meetings in a timely manner
- Explain with a player and parents, in a timely manner, and prior to the fact, any changes that will directly affect a player's role on the team.

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- Be responsible for maintaining control of the players during SWOBA games under their control
- Notify the player's parents at the end of a practice/game of any pending disciplinary action SWOBA
- Be the one that confers with the umpires and/or officials when a dispute or question arises.

Head Coaches are:

- Responsible for the conduct of Assistant Coaches, players, parents and spectators. Upon request of the umpires, the Head Coach may take whatever action is necessary to allow the game to continue;
- The Head Coach has the ultimate responsibility and accountability in the running of his team; therefore:
  - A.A coach in SWOBA must not be under the influence of alcohol prior to or during practices or games, or while responsible for the transportation of players;
  - B.A coach may not use illegal drugs or smoke at any time while representing SWOBA any capacity;
  - C.A coach must not use abusive or vulgar language in the presence of officials, players, parents or spectators; and
  - D.A coach must not physically or verbally abuse any player, official, parent or spectator

Players will:

- Realize that their coach will follow fair play and not equal play guidelines
- Treat all players, parents, coaches and umpires with respect and promote good sportsmanship
- Not criticize the umpires nor place blame on the umpires for any reason
- Attend all practices and/or games ready to participate at the agreed upon time unless unable to attend due to conflicts, injuries or emergencies
- Remain in the dugout during games when not in the line-up and will ask the coach for permission if they need to leave the dugout

- Help maintain order and cleanliness of our dugout, by picking up any loose equipment and refraining from any horseplay
- Leave the dugout neater than when they found it
- Maintain focus in the dugout during games and practices by requesting that friends and family speak to them after the game
- Not ask a coach during a game or practice questions regarding playing time or position(s), but will ask such questions in private either beforehand or after a game
- Be supportive of coaches and teammates at all times by offering positive comments and refraining from making negative comments or placing blame
- Give their best effort at all times, exhibited by hustle (running on and off the field) and a positive attitude whether in warm-ups, practices or games, whether winning or losing
- Treat personal and team equipment with respect at all times, placing items in the proper place and position in the dugout
- Come to the coaches with any problems or concerns regarding conflicts with a teammate
- Obey instructions given by a coach (and parents helping) without having to be told twice, talking back or arguing within reason
- Not throw a bat, helmet or any equipment at any time
- Not argue or talk disrespectfully to any coach at any time for any reason
- Not use profanity at any time ●

Positively refrain from using alcohol or tobacco during any SWOBA game. In addition, will not use performance enhancing drugs of any kind at any time.

- Maintain acceptable grades per parents' expectations and understand that the lack of satisfactory progress is a reason for their parents to not allow their participation
- Adhere to the curfew during away games that is set by the coaches, that will be strictly enforced, and will not bring visitors into hotel rooms when on road trips without permission from their manager
- Enjoy yourselves! The friends you make this year will last a lifetime and remember that success is not only measured in wins.

Parents will:

- Treat all players, parents, coaches and umpires with respect and promote good sportsmanship
- Agree that fun and development is first and foremost
- Encourage players in a positive manner and strive to suppress criticism
- Not unduly criticize the umpires nor place blame on the umpires for any reason
- Support the players and coaches in a fashion which will allow them to achieve the above.

Note:

The penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct is under the jurisdiction of the umpires, officials and/or the Head Coach. Any player, coach, parent or spectator who becomes an offender and is ordered from the playing area, must comply immediately or the game is subject to forfeit