



# 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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## Disclaimer

Athletes, their parents, coaches, umpires and volunteers should read and understand and the SWOBA Constitutional (the “Manual”) as posted on the SWOBA website before participating in the SWOBA Select program. Players, coaches, umpires, volunteers and parents are obligated to be knowledgeable and supportive of these policies and procedures.

This Manual provides a framework from which the Board of Directors, VP, VP of Select, Select coaches, athletes, their parents, umpires and volunteers can best work together for the benefit of the overall program. Although it is intended to be comprehensive in nature, there will inevitably be situations which occur, that are not outlined in this handbook. Coaches, athletes, and parents should always use good common sense in handling any situation.

The overall goal of SWOBA is to deliver a full range of baseball programs for the participants that ...

- A. Provide an opportunity for athletes to develop and achieve with teammates;
- B. Create an understanding of the proper definition of a team -a collection of players united in the pursuit of a common objective, and of which each player is an integral member;

- C. Have an enjoyable season
- D. Provide experiences that balance fun, safety, individual athletic abilities and satisfaction from team
- E. Build character, self-esteem and personal confidence through performing as a team;
- F. Assist all players to develop the skills and techniques of baseball
- G. Develop and blend the particular skills of each individual into successful team play.

SWOBA believes that everyone involved in youth sports has a responsibility to model healthy behavior. SWOBA strongly endorses the OBA standard that coaches, players, parents and spectators should maintain a drug and alcohol free environment at all youth sporting events. Accordingly, smoking, chewing tobacco or alcohol use at any SWOBA sporting event or practice is prohibited.

SWOBA strives to see that its objectives and values are expressed by everyone associated with its programs. The operating principles that have been established are to be used to exemplify the spirit of these principles in all we do.

SWOBA reserves the right to modify, suspend or discontinue any guideline, rule or principle outlined in this document based on a situation's specific facts.