



I am participating in baseball because I want to, not because others including parents or coaches want me to play.

I will play by the Rules of baseball and in the spirit of the game.

I will represent Baseball Ontario and my community in a responsible manner.

I will respect my teammates, opponents, game officials and spectators.

I will do my best to be a true team player.

I will remember that winning is not everything. Having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are also important.

I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and always show them respect.

I shall not email, text, or use social media in a negative manner to express my opinion or concern rather than address them through my parent/legal guardian.

Failure to comply with this code of conduct will result in disciplinary action.

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in baseball are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six (6) core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and good citizenship. The highest potential of the game of baseball is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character" and in an effort to achieve this potential, Baseball Ontario has developed and will enforce Codes of Conduct for every level of membership in the association.

Baseball Ontario is adopting a zero tolerance policy and failure to adhere to these Codes of Conduct will result in appropriate disciplinary action at the discretion of the Baseball Ontario disciplinary committee.

a) Disciplinary Action for Code of Conduct infractions will, as a general rule, follow multi-tiered disciplinary approach, with the severity of the penalty increasing for each subsequent infraction. However, the Baseball Ontario Board reserves the right to impose a more severe penalty than the next subsequent tier in the process should the infraction warrant such a penalty. The penalties, in increasing order of severity are as follows:

1st Infraction – Written Warning

2nd Infraction – Single Game Suspension

3rd Infraction – Multi Game Suspension

4th Infraction – Season Long Suspension (Pending Fair Hearing)

5th Infraction – Removal from Baseball Ontario Membership (Pending Technical Hearing)

b) All reports of Code of Conduct infractions must be submitted in writing to the Baseball Ontario office and will be subject to the same process that is in place for handling complaints.

Expulsion

a) Baseball Ontario reserves the right to reject membership in such a case where previous record of behavior unbecoming a member of the Baseball Ontario has been evident.

b) Membership may be revoked at any time to an individual who has been deemed by the Board of Management to be in contravention of the Bylaw or Operating Procedures. Such action shall only result after a fair hearing, and a majority vote of the Board of Management.

Player Signature _____

Print Name

Parent Signature _____

Print Name

Witness _____

Date _____