

CV Minor Baseball – Code of Conduct

Adapted from Rule 13, BC Minor Baseball Rulebook 2024

On and off Field Code of Conduct for

Managers, Coaches, Players, Parents and Spectators

CV Minor Baseball (CVMBA) is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. CVMBA supports equal opportunity and prohibits discriminatory practices. Participants are expected to always conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the values of CVMBA.

This Code of Conduct extends to all events, meetings, and gatherings where baseball is the focal point of the assembly. This includes but is not limited to games, tournaments, practices, places where people watch as a spectator, and off field conduct during team sanctioned road trips. Participants are subject to sanctions according to BC Minor Baseball Discipline Policy for engaging in any of the following behavior:

- A. Not complying with the rules, regulations, or policies of CVMBA and BCMBA.
- B. Deliberately disregarding the Rules of Baseball as amended from time to time.
- C. Verbally or physically abusing an opponent, officials, Umpires, spectators, or sponsors.
- D. Showing disrespect to officials, including the use of foul language and obscene or offensive gestures.
- E. Abusing playing equipment or playing area.

F. Failing to comply with the conditions of entry of an event including any rules regarding eligibility or advertising.

G. Anyone at any age using tobacco, cannabis, non-prescription drugs, or alcoholic products on-field at any CVMBA sanctioned event.

H. Any other unreasonable conduct which brings the game in to disrepute.

I. Any violation of the Baseball BC Safe Sport Policies.

The CVMBA Code of Conduct shall govern all disciplinary matters to the extent that it conflicts with or augments the Code of Conduct of any association. CVMBA reserves the right to adopt and amend polices and rules within the Code of Conduct as required for the safety of all participants.

Player, Coach, Parent and Spectator Expected Behaviour

A. Players, managers, or coaches engaging or persisting in conduct or actions unfavorable to the spirit, principles and objectives of good sportsmanship may, if the Umpire deems it appropriate, receive one warning from the Umpire. If the offense or offenses continue, offender or offenders will be removed from the game.

B. Parents and spectators attending CVMBA sanctioned events are expected to role model appropriate behavior for the youth players competing on the field. When conflict situations occur, parents and spectators are expected to resolve the conflict appropriately. Players, coaches, and Umpires have the right to participate in the game without being subjected to abuse or distractions from outside the playing field.

C. Examples of unacceptable behavior include but are not limited to showing disrespect to Umpires, opposing players, coaches, parents, and league administrators. This includes

taunting, insulting language, angry outbursts, gestures, and physical aggression. Coaches are expected to make their best efforts to ensure these expectations are met by their parents and supporters. Any parent or spectator that fails to meet these expectations may be asked to leave the area surrounding the field by the coach and, or the Umpires.

D. The Umpire may speak directly to the individual being asked to leave or may choose to have the appropriate coach communicate this decision to the parent.

E. If a parent or spectator refuses to leave the area surrounding the field the Umpire may suspend the game without making any judgment as to the final score, which will be determined by the CVMBA. Any CVMBA Director may request that a parent or spectator leave the area surrounding the field of play as per the requirements of Rule 14 in the BC Minor Rule Book.

Prohibition of Cannabis, Tobacco, Alcohol and Non-prescription Drugs

A. Non-Prescription Drugs, whether lawful or unlawful, and alcohol are always prohibited on the playing field from the warmup, during game play, and the equipment clean up after the event.

B. The consumption of alcohol is not permitted at CVMBA sanctioned games and events.

C. Coaches, players, managers, parents, spectators and Umpires, or any Official must not use cannabis, tobacco products including smokeless tobacco or e-cigarettes on the playing field. If anyone is found using of any of the above-mentioned items, they will be ejected from the game by an Umpire or Official.

D. Coaches, Players, Managers, Parents, Umpires, or any Official must not be on the playing field, benches, dugouts, or any areas within the boundaries of the playing field while in possession of or impaired by any legal or illegal substance.

Travesty of the Game

A. This rule will apply to all CVMBA sanctioned games, with particular emphasis in tournament situations. Travesty of the game is defined as an attempt to intentionally lengthen or shorten a game or manipulate the score of a game by any means that has players “not playing to win”. This would include batters or runners obviously attempting to make outs, pitchers obviously trying to miss the strike zone when pitching and fielders obviously trying to make errors. The penalties for making a travesty of the game will be the ejection of the Head Coach.

B. This rule may be enforced by the Umpires or a Tournament Director. The game will be defaulted and if the travesty continues during a tournament, disqualification of the team from the remainder of the tournament. Written reports by Umpires will be forwarded to the CVMBA Discipline Chair as soon as practically possible. Additional sanctions may be levied by the CVMBA Discipline Chair at any time and may extend to the players involved.

Artificial noise makers

Artificial noise makers, including but not limited to air horns, cow bells, thunder sticks, and bottles filled with rocks, are not permitted to be used by players, coaches, and spectators. Umpires may show discretion by advising the person using the device to stop. If the conduct continues and the Umpire believes that the device is interfering with game play the Umpire may eject the spectator using the device.