



Columbia Valley Minor Baseball

SUBSTANCE POLICY

This policy replaces any previous refund policies adopted by the Columbia Valley Minor Baseball Association.

Purpose:

Columbia Valley Minor Baseball Association (CV Minor Ball) is committed to providing a safe, healthy, family-friendly, and positive environment for all participants. Children learn from the actions of adults around them, and all participants are expected to model healthy choices and respectful behaviour.

CV Minor Ball supports a substance-free environment at all practices, games, tournaments, clinics, meetings, and other Association-sanctioned activities.

Scope:

This policy applies to all individuals participating in or attending CV Minor Ball activities, including:

- 1) Players;
- 2) Coaches, assistant coaches and team staff;
- 3) Umpires;
- 4) Board members and volunteers;
- 5) Parents and guardians;
- 6) Spectators;
- 7) Vendors and contractors; and
- 8) Any other individual attending a CV Minor Ball-sanctioned event.

This policy applies to all baseball venues, including:

- 1) Playing fields;
- 2) Dugouts;
- 3) Bullpens;
- 4) Bleachers and spectator areas;
- 5) Batting cages;
- 6) Parking lots and surrounding facility grounds where baseball activities are taking place; and
- 7) Any other area being used for a CV Minor Ball activity.



Columbia Valley Minor Baseball

Definitions:

For the purposes of this policy, prohibited substances include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Cigarettes;
- 2) Cigars and cigarillos;
- 3) Pipes;
- 4) Smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco, snuff, dip);
- 5) Dissolvable tobacco or nicotine products;
- 6) Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes);
- 7) Vape pens and vaping devices;
- 8) Nicotine pouches;
- 9) Cannabis and cannabis products;
- 10) Alcohol;
- 11) Illegal drugs; and
- 12) Any substance that results in impairment.

Prescription medications used as directed by a physician are exempt from this policy.

Prohibited Conduct:

During any CV Minor Ball-sanctioned activity, no person shall:

1. Smoke or use tobacco products;
2. Use smokeless tobacco;
3. Use dissolvable tobacco or nicotine products;
4. Vape or use electronic smoking devices;
5. Consume alcohol;
6. Consume cannabis in any form;
7. Use illegal drugs;
8. Be visibly impaired by alcohol, cannabis, illegal drugs, or any other impairing substance;
and
9. Possess or openly display prohibited substances within the playing area, dugouts, benches, or other participant areas.

Expectations:

All adults are expected to serve as positive role models for youth participants.

Coaches and team officials shall not use prohibited substances while supervising players.

Players are prohibited from possessing or using any prohibited substance at any CV Minor Baseball activity.

Parents and spectators are expected to refrain from using prohibited substances anywhere participants can reasonably observe them during Association activities.



Columbia Valley Minor Baseball

Individuals wishing to smoke or vape must leave the baseball venue and comply with all municipal, provincial, school district, and facility regulations before doing so.

Enforcement:

The following individuals have authority to enforce this policy:

- 1) Umpires;
- 2) Tournament Directors;
- 3) Board Members;
- 4) Coaches (with respect to their team personnel); and
- 5) Designated Association representatives.

Individuals who fail to comply may be:

- 1) Reminded of the policy;
- 2) Directed to immediately stop the prohibited activity;
- 3) Asked to leave the baseball venue;
- 4) Removed from the game or practice; and
- 5) Suspended from future Association activities.

Refusal to comply with a direction from an umpire or Association official may result in immediate removal from the facility.

Progressive Discipline:

Unless circumstances warrant immediate suspension, violations will normally be addressed using progressive discipline:

First Occurrence

- Verbal reminder or warning.

Second Occurrence

- Removal from the current activity.

Third Occurrence

- Review by the CVMBA Executive, which may result in suspension or additional disciplinary measures.

Serious violations involving impairment, illegal substances, or behaviour that jeopardizes participant safety may result in immediate suspension pending Executive review.

Alignment:

This policy supplements BCMBA Rule 13.03.