



# **MANLY SEASIDERS BASEBALL CLUB**

## **CODES OF CONDUCT**

- **Players**
- **Parents**
- **Spectators**
- **Coaches**
- **Umpires**

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## Player's Code of Conduct

At the start of each season players sign up to the Player's Code of Conduct and undertake to adhere to it. All players agree to:

- Play for the "fun of it" and not just to please your parents / Coaches / Managers;
- Always abide by the Rules and respect the decision of the Official. If you wish to appeal, make this appeal through the correct formal process and respect the final decision;
- Be a good sport. Cheer the effort of all players whether they are on your team or the other team;
- Respect the rights, dignity and worth of fellow players, Coaches, Managers, officials, volunteers and spectators. Refrain from any conduct which could be regarded as harassment towards these people;
- Do not be aggressive. If you see acts of aggression, do not retaliate. Report such acts and do not take the Rules into your own hands;
- Respect the talent, potential and development of fellow players and competitors;
- Care for and respect the equipment provided to you as part of your program;
- Be frank and honest with your Coach concerning illness and injury and your ability to train fully within the program requirements;
- At all times avoid intimate relationships with your coach;
- Conduct yourself in a professional manner relating to language, temper and punctuality;
- Maintain high personal behavioural standards at all times;
- Be honest in your attitude and preparation to training. Work equally hard for yourself and your team;
- Co-operate and assist Coaches and staff in the development of programs to adequately prepare you for competition at the highest level; and
- **Have fun !**

## Parent's Code of Conduct

Seasiders Baseball is a family-orient club and we exist to ensure the kids get the most enjoyment and benefit from participating this great sport as possible.

Parents play a key role in this and so we request ALL parents to observe the following code:

- If children are interested, encourage them to play sport. However, if a child is not willing to play, do not force him/her;
- Focus upon the child's efforts and performance rather than the overall outcome of the event. This assists the child in setting realistic goals related to his / her ability by reducing the emphasis on winning;
- Teach children an honest effort is as important as victory, so that the results of each game is acceptable without undue disappointment;
- Encourage children to always play according to the rules;
- Never ridicule or yell at a child for making a mistake or losing a game;
- Remember children are involved in organised sport for their enjoyment, not yours;
- Remember that children learn best from example. Applaud good plays by both teams;
- If you disagree with an official, raise the issue through the appropriate channels rather than question the official's judgment and honesty in public. Remember, most officials volunteer their time and effort for your child's involvement and enjoyment;
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities;
- Recognise the value and importance of volunteer Coaches, Managers, Scorers, etc. They give of their time and resources to provide recreational activities for the children and deserve your support; and
- Remind others of this code if they are not adhering to it.

## **Spectator's Code of Conduct**

- Children play organised sport for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals;
- Applaud good performance and effort by your team AND the opponents. Congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the games' outcome;
- Respect the officials' decision. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach the children to do likewise;
- Never ridicule or scold a child for making a mistake during a competition. Positive comments are motivational;
- Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players;
- Show respect for your team's opponents, for without them, there would be no game;
- Encourage players to play accordingly to the rules and the officials' decisions; and
- Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.

## Coach's Code of Conduct

At the start of each season Coaches sign up to the Coach's Code of Conduct and undertake to adhere to it.

All Coaches agree to:

- Be reasonable in your demands on young players' time, energy and enthusiasm. Treat all players with respect at all times. Be fair, considerate, honest and consistent with them;
- Teach your players that rules of the game are mutual agreements which no one should evade or break. Accept and respect the role of Officials and teach the players to do the same;
- Whenever possible, group players according to age, height, skills and physical maturity;
- Avoid over-playing the talented player. All players need and deserve equal time;
- Remember that children play for fun and enjoyment and that winning is only part of their motivation. Never ridicule or yell at the children for making mistakes or losing a competition;
- Refrain from conduct which could be regarded as harassment towards your players and other coaches, officials or parents;
- Do not be aggressive. Teach your players not to be aggressive. If you see aggression by any of your players, officials, parents, spectators or other players, report it. Do not take the law into your own hands;
- Provide feedback to players and other participants in a manner sensitive to their needs;
- Avoid overly negative feedback. Try to stay positive and encourage effort;
- Treat all players fairly within the context of their sporting activities, regardless of gender, race, place of origin, athletic potential, colour, sexual orientation, religion, political beliefs, socio-economic status and other conditions;
- Encourage players to respect one another and expect respect for their worth as individuals regardless of their level of play.
- Involve the players in decisions that affect them.
- Ensure any physical contact with players is appropriate to the situation and necessary for the player's skill development.
- Be acutely aware of the power that you as a coach develop with your players in the coaching relationship and avoid any sexual intimacy with players that could develop as a result.
- Avoid situations with your players that could be construed as compromising.
- Actively discourage the use of performance enhancing drugs, the use of alcohol and tobacco and illegal substances;
- Do not exploit any coaching relationship, to further the personal, political or business interests at the expense of the best interests of your players;
- Ensure that equipment and facilities meet safety standards and are appropriate to the age and ability of the players;
- The scheduling and length of practice times and competition should take into consideration the maturity level of the children;
- Develop team respect for the ability of opponents as well as for the judgment of officials and opposing coaches;
- Make a personal commitment to keep yourself informed of sound coaching principals and the principals of growth and development of children. Recognise player's rights to consult with other coaches, advisors or specialists.

## **Umpire's Code of Conduct**

At the start of each season Umpires sign up to the Umpire's Code of Conduct and undertake to adhere to it.

All Umpires agree to:

- Officiate by the competition conditions and rules;
- Any form of verbal abuse towards players, coaches, official or spectators will not be tolerated;
- Be a good sport;
- Control your temper – no criticism by word or gesture;
- Cooperate with your fellow umpire;
- Do not be aggressive. Do not retaliate. Report such acts;
- No drug use of any kind will be tolerated unless prescribed by a pharmacist;
- Refrain from profanities;
- Be polite to all participants;
- The use of tobacco or alcohol of any description is prohibited within 10 meters of a playing field;
- Arrive at the ground 30min prior to the scheduled game time;
- Contact the Club's Umpire Coordinator if you need clarification on a rule;
- Read both the ABF BBNSW and The MWJBL rules as they apply to the game being umpired;
- Wear all protective equipment when on the diamond; and
- Be mindful of the Infectious disease Policy.

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# BASEBALL BY THE BEACH