



Lacombe Minor Baseball Code of Conduct

Coaches Code of Conduct

Youth sport programs play an important role in promoting the physical, social and emotional development of children. It is essential for parents and coaches to encourage youth athletes to embrace the values of good sportsmanship. It is the expectation of the Lacombe Minor Baseball Association that all adults involved in youth sports should be models of good sportsmanship and should lead by example demonstrating fairness, respect and self-control.

I therefore pledge to be responsible for my words and actions while coaching at a youth baseball event approved and sponsored by the Lacombe Minor Baseball Association. I shall conform my behavior to the following Code of Conduct:

- I will abide by the rules set forth by the Lacombe Minor Baseball Association and Baseball Alberta.
- I will not engage in any behavior that will endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent, player, participant, official or any other attendee.
- I will not ridicule or yell at players on my team for making mistakes or performing poorly. I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- I will remember that children need a coach they can respect. I will set a good example for my players and parents.
- I will treat all umpires with respect, recognizing that baseball rules involve judgment calls. Should I need to address the umpire, I will do so by using the appropriate methods of appeal during the game and avoid confrontational behavior on the field.
- I will check the equipment and facilities that we use to ensure they meet safety standards and are appropriate for the age and ability of my players.
- I will refrain from using alcohol, tobacco and drugs prior to or while participating/coaching at a youth event.
- I will ensure I have the proper coaching certifications and complete a criminal records check (to be completed by coaches for levels higher than Rookie).
- I will remember that I am a representative of the Lacombe Minor Baseball Association. I will act as a role model for the players and conduct myself in a responsible manner during all LMBA related events.
- At the conclusion of the baseball season, I will return all the equipment and uniforms to LMBA in a timely manner.

I acknowledge I have read and will comply with the LMBA Code of Conduct for Coaches. Should I fail to comply, I understand I may be subject to LMBA disciplinary action.

Name of Coach	Signature	Date
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