



Sherwood Park Minor Baseball Association Policy	
Policy Name:	Parent Code Of Conduct
Effective Date:	April 2, 2014
Supercedes:	Original
Mission Statement	
It is one of the major goals of the Association to provide to the children of the community, through various baseball programs and events, opportunities for enhanced personal development and the opportunity to learn and experience the ideals of team work, good sportsmanship, and respect for others and for authority and to gain an appreciation for the efforts by an importance of volunteers in our society; and to further provide to the community all the advantages and opportunities associated with having a well developed and organized baseball program operating therein.	
Rationale:	
Parents are an integral part in ensuring the success and enjoyment of the sport of baseball for all those involved; players, coaches, managers, officials and themselves. As a direct influence on the children playing the game, proper parental behaviour is of the utmost importance to support all those involved and prove to be a positive role model.	
Details:	
As a Parent involved in the Sherwood Park Minor Baseball Association, I agree to the following guidelines:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults. 2. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others. 3. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event. 4. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; or using profane language or gestures. 5. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes. 6. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence. 7. I will require my child to treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability. 8. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance. 9. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time. 10. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participants for making a mistake. 11. I will respect the position of the officials and coaches before, during and after the games. If I have any questions or concerns I will follow the SPMBA Conflict Resolution Policy. 12. I will ensure a positive sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use around the ball diamond (see Alcohol and Tobacco Policy as posted on SPMBA website). 13. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team. 	
Failure to abide by the aforementioned policies and guidelines, may result in disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or SPMBA • Written warning • Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by SPMBA. • Parental season suspension 	