

Sportsmanship Isn't Just for Athletes

Cochrane Minor Baseball prides itself in providing a safe and positive environment for all the players. The Board of Directors has developed the following sportsmanship policies which will be strictly enforced throughout the season.

One of the most important things that you can do as a Little League parent or fan is show positive support for all players and volunteers. While many parents are often very enthusiastic when watching their child's games, it is important that you do not get overly critical, such as taking personal offense to official calls or decisions made by coaches and umpires. Most of the time, these decisions are made in reference to official game rules that you may not be familiar with. If you have a question about an official call or rule, you should contact the coach after the game, or contact the Division Coordinator. These rules are enforced simply for the safety of your child, ensuring that he/she will have a positive Little League experience.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to impose any of the penalties listed below if, in its judgment, any person displays unsportsmanlike conduct during a game, at the game site, or at any event related to Cochrane Minor Baseball. The decision of the Board of Directors is final and binding.

1. Should a person (regardless of their position in the Little League) act in a hostile, unsportsmanlike or threatening manner, they will be reminded of this policy, asked to stop their behaviour and issued a warning.
2. Should they persist, they will be asked to leave the baseball park immediately.
3. If the person refuses to leave the park, the baseball game will be halted until they do so.
4. If after 15 minutes, the person continues to refuse to leave the park the game will be cancelled with the game called as a tie regardless of the score.
5. If the game is cancelled, the Grievance Committee will conduct an investigation of the incident and determine what action will be taken with regards to the individual in question.
6. Actions could include but not be limited to one or more of the following:
 - a. A warning.
 - b. A personal apology.
 - c. If the person is a volunteer – a limited or permanent suspension of their volunteer position.
 - d. Suspension from the park for a limited length of time or the remaining portion of the season.
7. All incidents will be reported to the Grievance Committee and kept on file.
8. In determining the actions regarding 6 (b) to (d) the Grievance Committee will investigate the incident(s), make a recommendation to the Executive of the Board of Directors who will vote on the appropriate action to be taken immediately.
9. Cochrane Minor Baseball authorizes these persons to interact with any adult who is exhibiting unsportsmanlike conduct:
 - a. Umpires working the game in progress.
 - b. Manager/Coaches of the team the adult is with or, in the event the person does not belong to either team, the Managers/Coaches of both teams playing have the authority.
 - c. Any Board of Director of the League in attendance.