



Greater Niagara Baseball Association



Policies

Updated 2024

1. **POLICY CREATION**

The Policies of the organization can be amended, enacted, or suspended by a simple majority vote at any regularly scheduled meeting, special meeting, or annual meeting of the GNBA.

2. **UNIFORMS**

The GNBA may levy a uniform surcharge in any given year to ensure return of players' pants and top from the travel teams. Amount of uniform surcharge is at the discretion of the GNBA Board. Uniform surcharge to be collected by travel team coaches and adequate records maintained by said coach so reimbursement can be properly administered. House league players, at the discretion of the GNBA Board, will be allowed to keep their sweater and hat at end of each season.

3. **EQUIPMENT**

Equipment for travel teams and house leagues is maintained by the Officer's Committee. Coaches are responsible to request players to wear a helmet and chin strap when at bat or running the bases. Coaches should ensure equipment is functional and return unusable equipment to the GNBA for replacement or repair.

4. **UMPIRES**

Umpires must be scheduled through the GNBA director, Umpire-in-Chief.

5. **FIELD ALLOCATION**

All GNBA convenors must book practice times and game schedules via the Officer's Committee. This includes fields allocated to the GNBA through the City of Niagara Falls.

6. **ELECTION ELIGIBILITY**

If a GNBA Board member seeking re-election and is going to be absent with a noted reason from the next Annual Meeting, they must write a letter of intention of nomination and submit it to the Secretary. The \$1.00 (one dollar) membership fee must accompany the letter.

7. COACHES SELECTION

The GNBA Board will assess the performance of the travel team coaches in each division based on the previous year and a satisfactory performance will allow the coach to be asked if they wish to return to the same division in which they coached the previous year. If the coach - assessed as satisfactory - wishes to coach in a division different from the previous year, they must apply in accordance with the coaching selection requirements, as set out by the GNBA for that year.

8. CALL UPS

When a team is short players at the official game start time (in Rookie Ball- under 11 players, in Mosquito to Junior- under 9 players) a player may be called up from the next lower league, as long as there is no conflict with the call up player's schedule. If a call up player starts a game and a regular team player arrives late, the call up player can continue to play a maximum of every other inning defensively and the call up player will remain in the batting order. If at game time a team has enough players (Rookie Ball- 11 players, Mosquito to Junior- 9 players) the call up cannot play. The player called up must wear their own team's uniform. A travel team player cannot be called up to play for a house league team.

9. CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICS

Objects and Purpose:

Establish and preserve a code of conduct and ethics for all members associated with the Greater Niagara Baseball Association. Provide information to all members, officials, parents, relatives, spectators, and the residence of City of Niagara Falls by means of a Code of Conduct and Ethics.

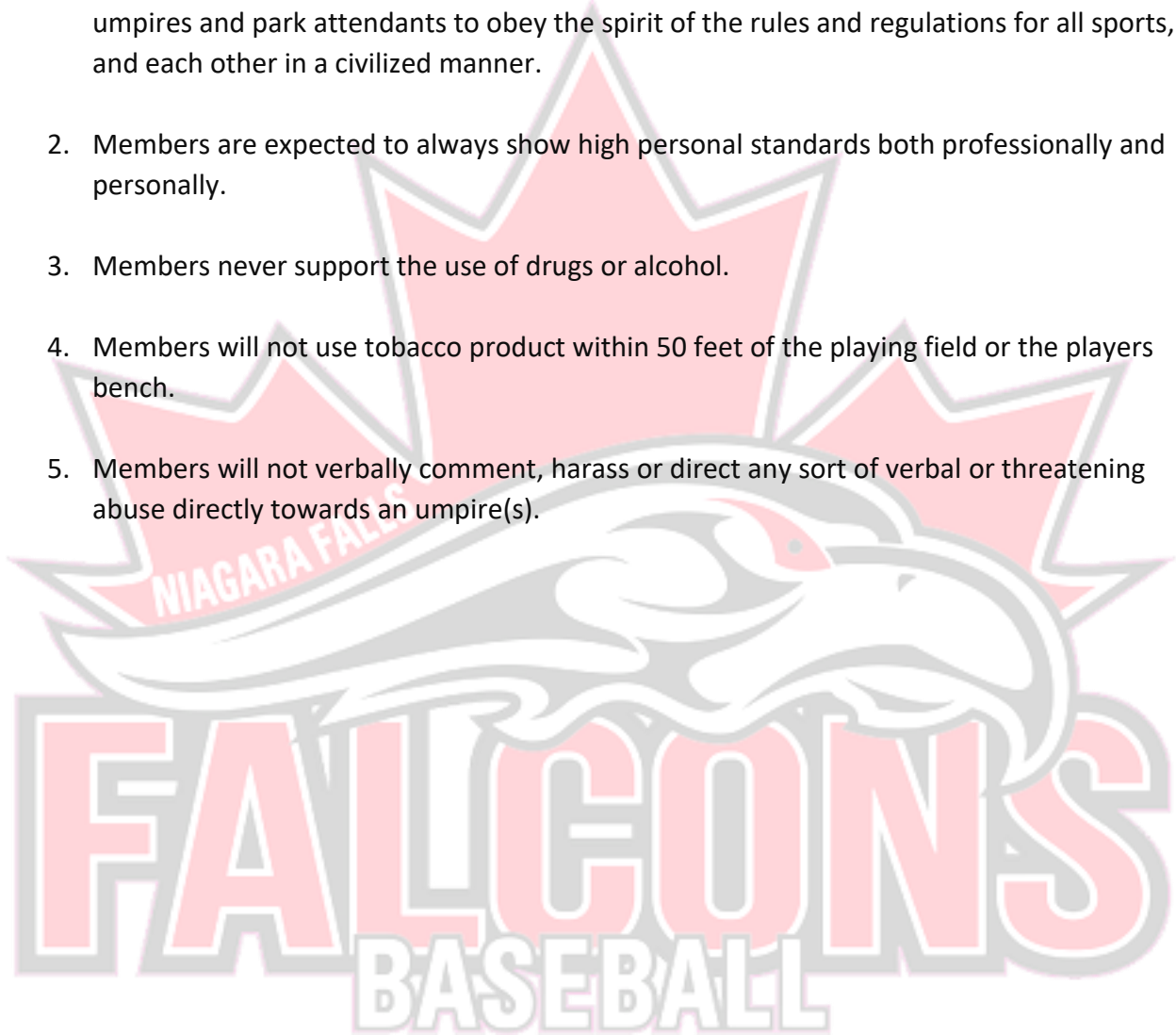
The code of conduct and ethics are comprised of, but not limited to the following :

- a) All Members of the Association Code
- b) Player's Code
- c) Coaches, Managers, and Team Associates Code
- d) Umpires Code
- e) Parents and Guardians Code
- f) Spectators Code
- g) Conduct and Discipline

ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION CODE

A “Member of the Association” is considered to be Board members, Life Members, all Coaches, all Umpires, all Players, Guardians and Family Members and Spectators.

1. Members should encourage the Board, players, parents, guardians, any spectators, umpires and park attendants to obey the spirit of the rules and regulations for all sports, and each other in a civilized manner.
2. Members are expected to always show high personal standards both professionally and personally.
3. Members never support the use of drugs or alcohol.
4. Members will not use tobacco product within 50 feet of the playing field or the players bench.
5. Members will not verbally comment, harass or direct any sort of verbal or threatening abuse directly towards an umpire(s).



PLAYERS CODE

1. Play for the “ love of the game “, not just to please parents or coach.
2. Play by the rules and the spirit of the rules.
3. Never argue with the official’s decisions. The coach(s) should ask any necessary questions.
4. Control your temper or anger; no mouthing off, throwing gloves or other equipment.
5. Work equally hard for yourself and your team. The team’s performance will improve and so will yours.
6. Be a good sport. Cheer all good plays, whether yours or the others team’s.
7. Treat all players, as you would like to be treated.
8. Remember that the goals of the game are to have fun, improve your skills, and feel good about yourself. Do not show-off.
9. Cooperate with your coaches, teammates, opponents and especially the officials, for without them, you would not be playing the game.
10. Remember you are representing yourself, your parents, your team, your sponsor, and your city and the association at all times, to and from the park.
11. I will attend every practice and that I can and will notify my coach if I cannot.
12. I will do my very best to listen and learn from my coaches.
13. I deserve to have fun during my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun.

As a player in the Greater Niagara Baseball Association:

1. I will demonstrate self-control and respect for others at all times.

2. I will always remember that participation in athletics is a privilege that is not to be abused by unsportsmanlike conduct.
3. I will show respect to all opponents and shake hands after the competition and congratulate them on the performance.
4. I will show respect to all coaches, umpires, and league officials.
5. I will not argue with the umpire or an umpire's decision.
6. I will abide by all rules and regulations of the game and the league.
7. I will remember that any inappropriate behavior will reflect on me, my family, and my community.
8. I understand that aggressive physical contact is grounds for immediate ejection.
9. I will not use profanity, tobacco, drugs or alcohol while in uniform and/or at the ballpark.

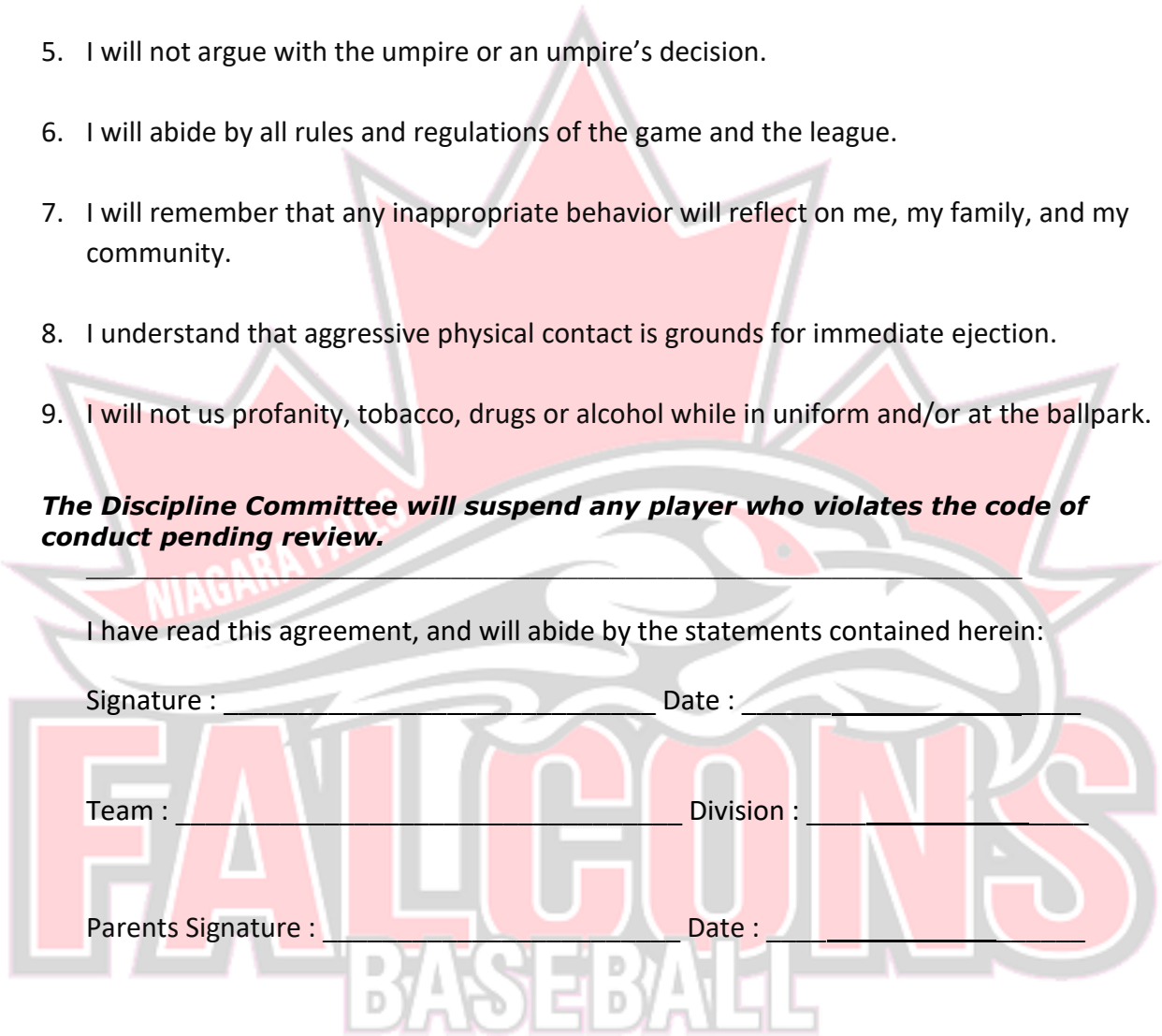
The Discipline Committee will suspend any player who violates the code of conduct pending review.

I have read this agreement, and will abide by the statements contained herein:

Signature : _____ Date : _____

Team : _____ Division : _____

Parents Signature : _____ Date : _____



COACH, MANAGER & TEAM ASSOCIATES CODE

All coaches are requested to publish a list of conduct & ethics to the players and their parents prior to the start of the season.

The players and parents are required to read and sign the back page acknowledging they have reviewed the code conduct & ethics of the association.

1. Exemplify the highest moral character, behavior, and leadership.
2. I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
3. I will treat each player as an individual remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
4. I will place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
5. Respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials.
6. Abide by both the spirit and the letter of the rules.
7. I will use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
8. Promote ethical relationships among coaches.
9. Encourage the highest standards of conduct and achievement.
10. I will do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
11. Strive to develop qualities of leadership, initiative, and good judgment in each athlete.
12. Complete all games. No team shall leave a game before the end.

UMPIRES CODE

1. All umpires should wear a uniform. It should be clean and in the required colours.
2. Always be punctual; a late umpire does not gain the respect of either the teams or the fans.
3. Finish all games. No umpire shall leave a game before the end, except for injury or sickness.
4. Never umpire while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. An umpire needs to be in control of all their facilities and should set a good example.
5. Umpires are judged by their behavior and statements; disgraceful gestures and abusive language has no place on the playing field and can only tarnish the reputation of all.

