

# Greater Niagara Baseball Association

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

**1. UNIFORMS** - The GNBA executive and directors 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 executive and directors. 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 executive and directors, will be allowed to keep their sweater and hat at end of each season.

**2. EQUIPMENT** - Equipment for travel teams and house leagues is maintained by the director purchasing and equipment. 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 director purchasing and equipment for replacement or repair.

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

**4. FIELD ALLOCATION** - All GNBA convenors must book practise times and games schedules via the GNBA Director of field allocations. This includes fields allocated to the GNBA through the City of Niagara Falls.

**5. ELECTION ELIGIBILITY** - If a GNBA executive member and/or director seeking re-election and is going to be absent with a noted reason from the next Annual Meeting, he must write a letter of intention of nomination and submit it to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The \$1.00 (one dollar) membership fee must accompany the letter.

**6. COACHES SELECTION** - GNBA executive members and directors will assess the performance of the travel team coaches in each age bracket based on the previous year and a satisfactory performance will allow the coach to be asked if he/she wishes to return to the same age bracket in which he/she coached the previous year. If the coach - assessed as satisfactory - wishes to coach in an age bracket different from the previous year, he/she must apply in accordance with coaching selection, as set out by the GNBA for that year.

## **7. GUIDELINES**

A. Guidelines for GNBA convenors

B. Guidelines for GNBA Travel and House League Coaches

C. House League Rules

## **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 can not play. the player called up must wear his/her own team's uniform. A travel team player can not be called up to play for a house league team.

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## **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

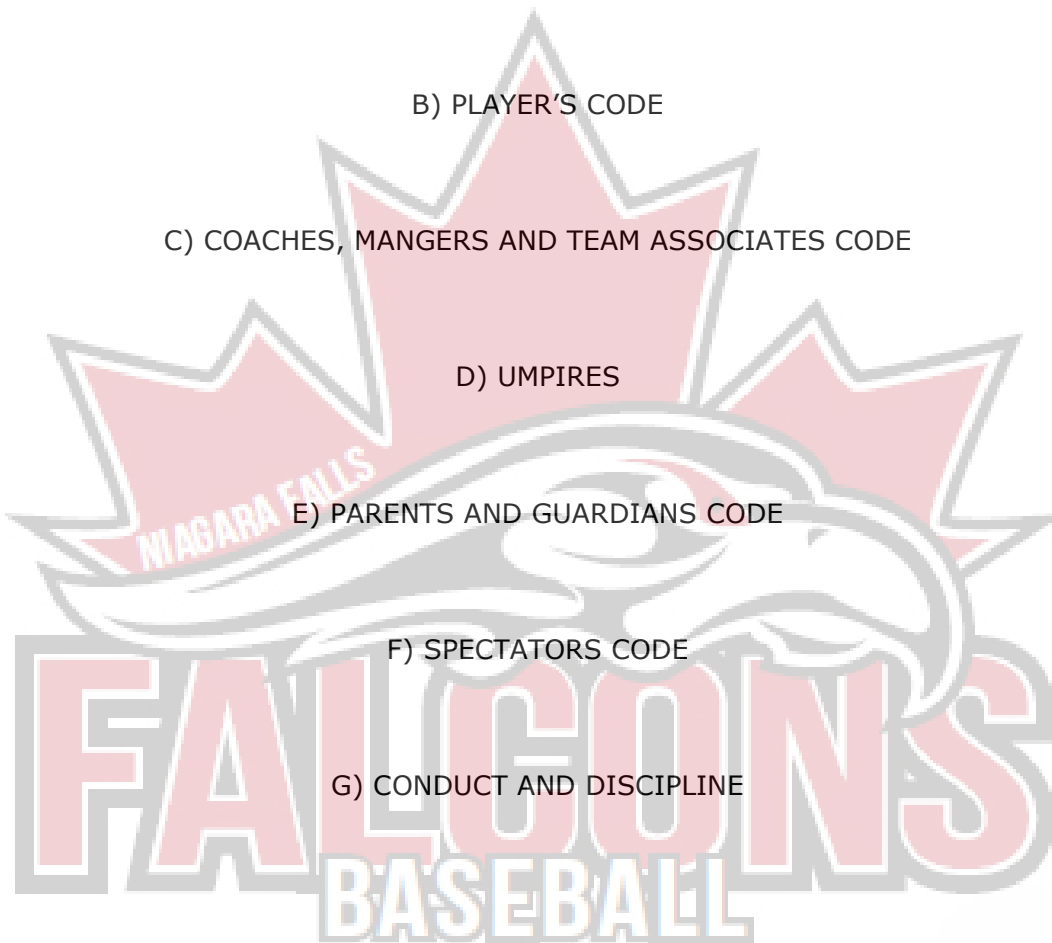
C) COACHES, MANAGERS AND TEAM ASSOCIATES CODE

D) UMPIRES

E) PARENTS AND GUARDIANS CODE

F) SPECTATORS CODE

G) CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE



**A)ALL MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION CODE**

A " Member of the Association " is considered to be Executives, Directors, all Coaches, all Umpires, all Players, Guardians and Family Members and Spectators.

1) Members should encourage the executive, 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).

## **B) PLAYER 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.

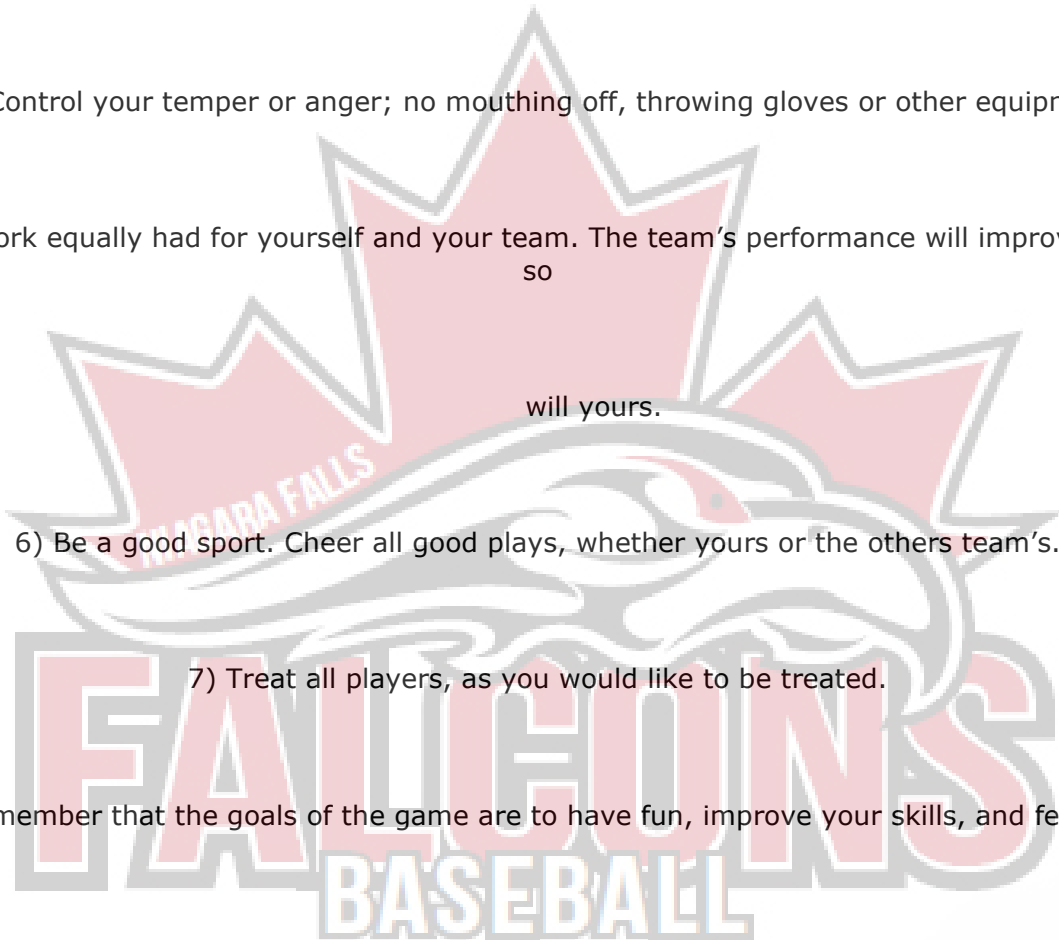
7) Treat all players, as you would like to be treated.

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.



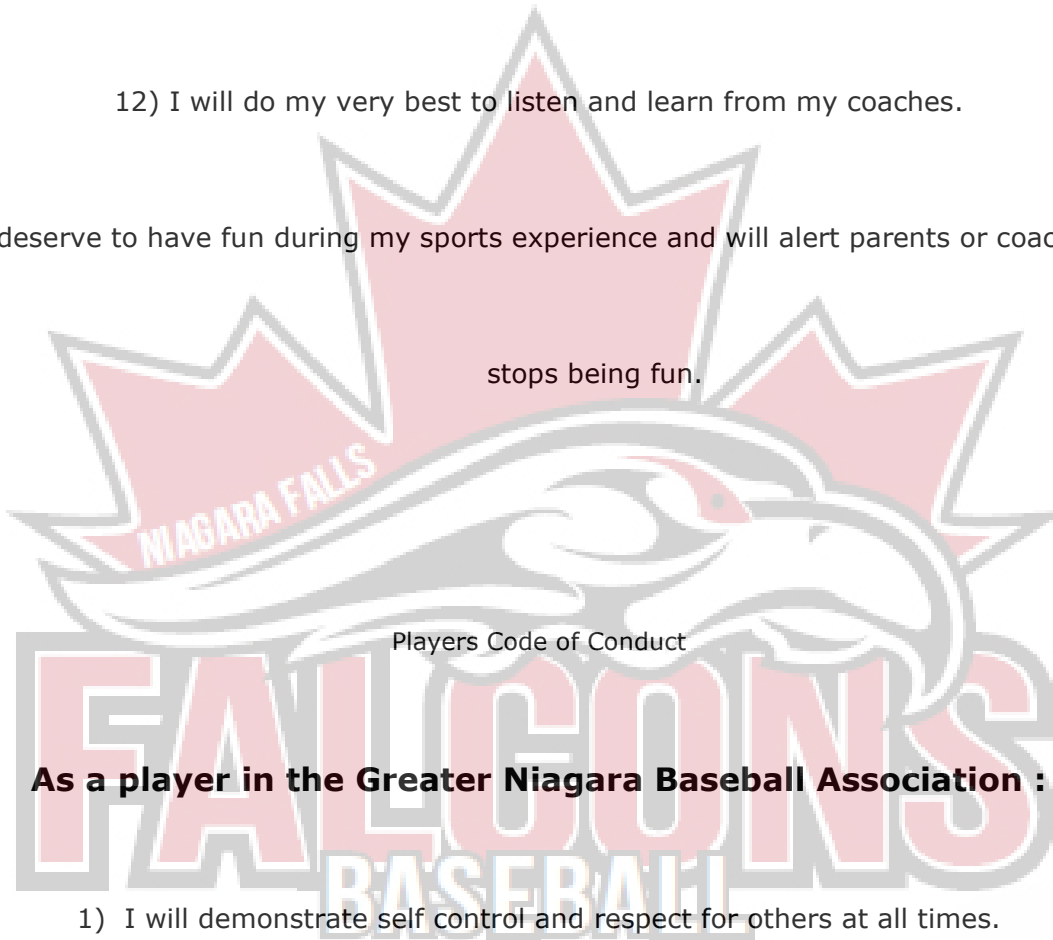
10) Remember you are representing yourself, your parents, your team, your sponsor, and your

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.

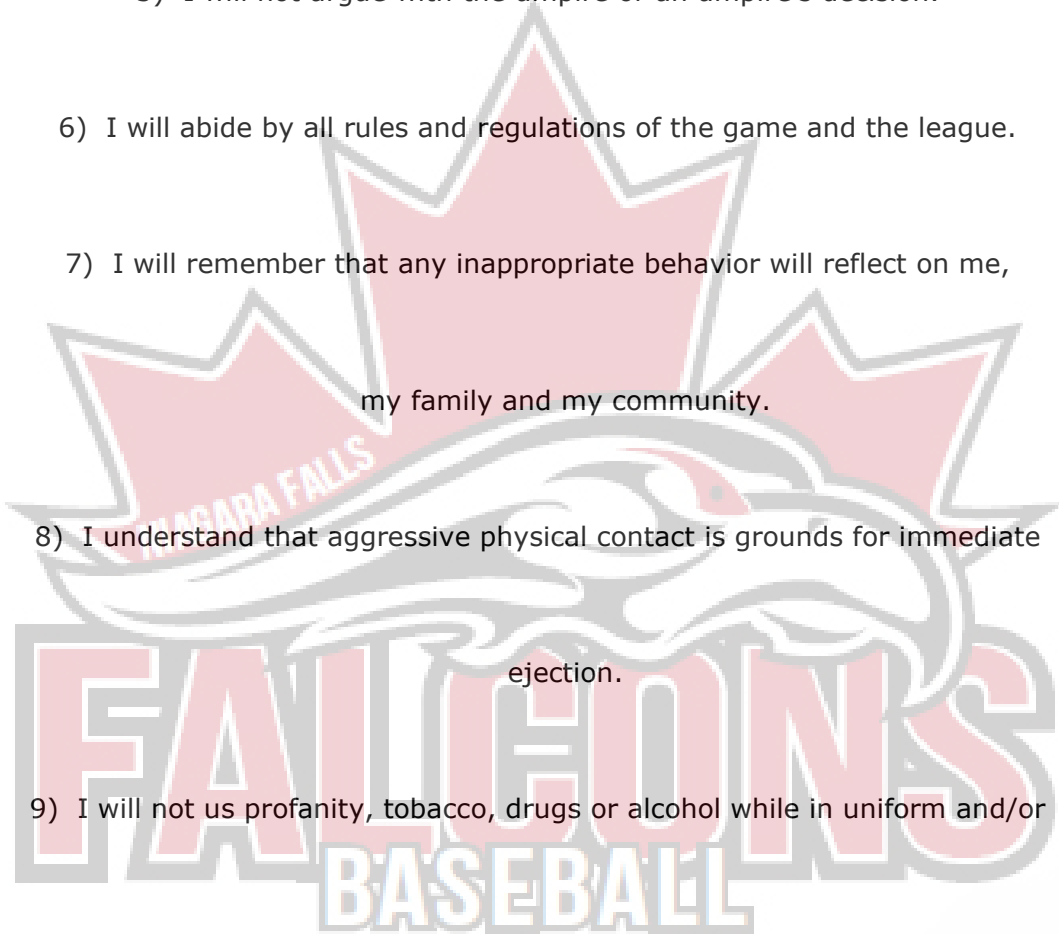
5) I will not argue with the umpire or an umpire's decision.

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 disciplinary committee will suspend any player who violates the code of conduct pending review.***

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

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Team : \_\_\_\_\_ Division : \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**C) 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.

## **D) UMPIRE'S 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 his/her faculties 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

