

## Innisfail Minor Ball Code of Conduct

As our sport grows, we would like to encourage the continued positive direction that baseball and softball in Innisfail has taken. To facilitate this process Innisfail Minor Ball has developed the following Code of Conduct for athletes, coaches and parents. All participants in the Innisfail Minor Ball program including athletes, parents and coaches must read, sign and abide by the code of conduct.

### **Athletes:**

1. I will participate in baseball/softball alcohol and drug free.
2. I will respect everyone involved in my ball experience: parents, coaches, teammates, umpires, and opponents; because without them, there wouldn't be a game.
3. I will remember that coaches and umpires are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and appreciate the challenges of their position.
4. I will remember that winning isn't everything, and to control my temper when things aren't going my way. Having fun, improving skills, helping my teammates become better players, and doing my best are more important than winning games.
5. I will respect all the facilities that I use with my team: ball diamonds, schools, arenas, restaurants, hotels, and washrooms. I will remember to put all my garbage in the trash and leave the area clean for the next team.
6. I will remember to be a true team player, because ball is a team sport.

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

### **Parents/Guardians:**

1. I will attend my children's events alcohol and drug free.
2. I will remember that children play ball for their enjoyment and development, not mine.
3. I will never question an umpire/coaches decision or honesty in public.
4. I will never use violence or bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, umpires or other spectators. I will express my disapproval in an appropriate manner to coaches or league officials.
5. I will remember that children learn best by example, and will demonstrate good sportsmanship and applaud all good plays by both my child's team and their opponents.
6. I will take an interest in my child's team by taking turns supervising and assisting at tournaments and team functions.
7. I will have a positive attitude towards ball and will emphasize the cooperative nature of the sport.

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Name 2: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Coaches:**

1. I will participate in ball alcohol and drug free. I will refrain from smoking in the presence of athletes and on the diamond.
2. I will ensure that all players receive equal instruction and support. My main objective will be to develop their skills to the best of my ability.
3. I will teach my players to participate fairly in the spirit of good sportsmanship, and to respect the rules, coaches, umpires, and opponents.
4. I will be open and honest with athletes and parents about my coaching philosophy, particularly regarding playing time and the athlete's role on the team.
5. I will ensure the team is properly supervised at all times for their safety and to ensure they are behaving to the standards set by the team and or association.
6. I will lead by example and demonstrate good sportsmanship and leadership qualities. I will not yell at umpires but work cooperatively with them for the benefit of the game.
7. I will be reasonable when setting practices, games and curfews, and will keep the athletes/teams' best interest in mind.

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