

# PMBA Parent Discipline Policy

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Applies to All Parents and Guardians of Registered Players

## Purpose

This policy outlines the conduct expectations and potential disciplinary actions for parents and guardians of PMBA-registered players. It supports a positive, respectful environment for athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers.

### 1. Expectations of Conduct

Parents/guardians are expected to:

- Treat coaches, umpires, players, volunteers, and fellow spectators with **respect at all times**.
- Follow the communication channels outlined in PMBA's **Team Platform & Communication Policy**.
- Allow coaches to coach and umpires to officiate — **sideline coaching, yelling at officials, or confrontations will not be tolerated**.
- Support the values of youth sport: effort, inclusion, teamwork, and fun.
- Adhere to the behavioural commitments outlined in the **Player/Parent Contract**.

For additional details, see the Parent Code of Conduct, Team Communication & Platform Use Policy, and Social Media & Public Conduct Policy.

### 2. Grounds for Disciplinary Action

Discipline may be considered for:

- Inappropriate conduct at games, practices, or PMBA-sanctioned events (e.g., aggressive behaviour, swearing, intimidation).
- Harassment of coaches, officials, executive members, or other parents.
- Disruptive behaviour that negatively affects the team, coaching staff, or association.
- Disrespectful or damaging content posted online (see **Social Media & Public Conduct Policy**).
- Repeated failure to follow communication protocols or team procedures.

### 3. Disciplinary Process

PMBA will use a progressive discipline approach when possible, unless the incident warrants immediate escalation:

1. **Verbal Warning** – Delivered by a coach, division coordinator, or executive.
2. **Written Warning** – Issued by the executive and recorded in association files.
3. **Suspension from Attendance** – Temporary ban from games or practices (duration based on severity).
4. **Removal from Facility Privileges or Association Events** – For serious or repeated misconduct.
5. **Player Impact** – In extreme cases, ongoing or serious misconduct by a parent may result in a formal review of the player's eligibility to continue in the program, as outlined in the Player Discipline Policy.

*If the conduct poses a threat to safety or well-being, PMBA reserves the right to bypass early steps and proceed directly to suspension or removal.*

### 4. Appeals and Review

Parents may request a review of any disciplinary action by submitting a written request to the PMBA executive. The decision of the board following review is considered final. All disciplinary actions are documented and handled in accordance with PMBA's Discipline & Complaints Policy.