

# Ponoka Minor Ball Association (PMBA)

## Coaches Code of Conduct

**As a coach, I hereby agree to abide by the following Code of Conduct.**

1. I will abide by the rules set forth by the Ponoka Minor Ball Association, Baseball Alberta / Softball Alberta.
2. As a coach, I understand that I represent my players, the players' parents/guardians and the Ponoka Minor Ball Association in the way I conduct myself.
3. I will display respect and be supportive of players on all teams. I will not ridicule or yell at players for making mistakes or performing poorly. I will remember that players participate in sports to have fun and to learn new skills. I will act as a positive role model.
4. I will refrain from language that is offensive. I will not use derogatory language related to race, gender or sexual orientation.
5. I will not engage in any behaviour that will endanger the health, safety or well-being of any coach, parent/guardian, player, umpire, or any other participant.
6. I will refrain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, vaping and drugs, before, or while coaching and/or participating in a Ponoka Minor Ball Association event.
7. I will ensure I have the proper coaching certifications for the division in which I am registered to coach.
8. I will complete the required Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check in the time frames specified by the association.
9. I will check equipment and facilities that I use to ensure they meet safety standards and are appropriate for the age and ability of my players.
10. I will be responsible for the equipment in my possession throughout the season. At the conclusion of the season, I will ensure that all equipment and uniforms are promptly returned to the association.
11. When asked to discuss parent/guardian concerns I will speak respectfully to these individuals. Should the matter remain unresolved, I may contact the Division Coordinator for further guidance.
12. I will show respect for umpire decisions, judgment, and authority. Should I need to address the umpire I will do so by using the appropriate methods of appeal during the game and avoiding aggressive behaviour. I will not belittle, yell, complain or blame the umpires for the result of the game. I will never confront an umpire after a game.
13. I will not publicly post anything harmful or slanderous on social media regarding any umpire, parent/guardian, player, or volunteer participating in Ponoka Minor Ball Association events.
14. I accept responsibility for the conduct and behavior of my guests while attending games, practices or events. I acknowledge that I may be subject to disciplinary action for the conduct and behavior of a guest that is contrary to the above expectations.

**I acknowledge I have read and will comply with this Coaches Code of Conduct. I accept responsibility for my actions and understand I may be subject to Ponoka Minor Ball Association disciplinary action should I fail to comply.**

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Coaches Name

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Division Coaching

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Coaches Signature

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Date Signed