

North Winnipeg Minor Baseball Association

Parents Code of Conduct

All parents, Coaches, and athletes choosing to participate in the North Winnipeg Minor Baseball Association Programs, must agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. By signing this document, you will be acknowledging that you have read it, understand it, and are willing to abide by the Code of Conduct.

- 1. I will let the players play.** Cheer them on when they do well, encourage them when they don't. I will not coach or instruct from the stands, and will not interfere with the game. Don't expect more than they can deliver, and most importantly, be a fan of everyone on the team, not just your own child.
- 2. I will communicate responsibly.** If a problem needs to be discussed, I will wait 24 hours to request a meeting with the Parent Representative and Coach(s) to calmly discuss the issue. Any safety or health related item should be identified immediately. Coaches must also follow the 24 hour rule when dealing with issues.
- 3. I will let the Coaches coach.** Your child's Coach deserves your cooperation and respect even if you disagree with how the team is managed. Don't speak negatively about the Coach to parents or your child. Don't teach your child in a way that contradicts the Coach. If you don't agree with the way the Coach manages any aspect of a game or practice, discuss it personally with the Coach. Waiting 24 hours to address your concern will facilitate a calm conversation on the issue.
- 4. I will let the Umpires officiate.** I will accept the calls made by the Umpire and understand that the Coaches are the sole individuals responsible for reviewing plays and rules with the Umpire. I will not make any negative comments to the Umpires or about their calls.
- 5. I understand that playing for the NWMBA is a privilege.** Our family made this decision completely voluntarily, without any pressure or coercion. I acknowledge that paying the team fee entitles my child to nothing more than being part of the team.
- 6. I agree and understand the reality that playing time may not be equal. NWMBA has the goal to provide equal opportunity to all players regardless of age or level.** NWMBA guidelines regarding Fair Play and playing time are developed based on the level of baseball played. Some players may have more plate appearances, innings pitched, positions and roles than other players. That is the nature of the game and is at the discretion of the Coach. See the respective levels Coaching Philosophies. Players will be put into positions where they can succeed.
- 7. I will not enter the dugout or participate in conversations with the team during a game.** I will ensure that my child is prepared with everything that is required, prior to the game.
- 8. I will encourage my child to take ownership and be responsible for his / her baseball experience.**

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9. I will encourage my child to follow the Player Code of Conduct.

10. I will display good sportsmanship. Negative comments or actions are disruptive and destructive to the development of your child and the team.

11. I will respect the facilities that we play in and I will assist in keeping them clean and safe.

12. I will positively encourage the players on the field. While baseball “chatter” is sometimes used during a game, loud obnoxious noises or screaming with the intent to rattle the opposing pitcher is prohibited. Intentional distractions, such as banging or rattling dugout fences will not be tolerated.

13. Verbal or Physical Abuse of a Coach will not be tolerated. A parent’s first offense will result in a family suspension (Parents and Player) of one game. A second offense will result in an indefinite suspension.

14. Verbal or Physical Abuse of an Umpire will not be tolerated. A parent’s first offense will result in a one game suspension of the parent from attending their child’s game. A second offense will result in an indefinite suspension.

I have read and agree with the above codes of conduct as agreed upon by the North Winnipeg Minor Baseball Association Board.

I also understand the consequences for myself and my child if I choose to violate them.

Participants Creed

**Players play, coaches coach, Umpires umpire, and Parents cheer.
If you are trying to do more than one of these things at the same time,
YOU may be a problem.**