



North York Baseball Association

Code of Conduct -

The North York Baseball Association exists to foster and promote amateur baseball in an environment that values good sportsmanship and sportsmanlike conduct among all players, coaches, parents, officials, Board members and all other volunteers. Only within this environment can useful instruction and leadership be provided for children of all ages and ability levels.

The North York Baseball Association does not tolerate discriminatory or harassing words or actions of any kind based on gender, age, language, race, culture, religion, sexual orientation or any other basis where one might exploit perceived differences among individuals. Reports of such discrimination or harassment will be investigated thoroughly by the NYBA Executive and penalties given could go as far as expulsion from all activities in the park permanently.

House League Players and Coaches

1. A player or coach shall be ejected immediately from a game by the NYBA at the discretion of the division convenor for any of the following infractions substantiated as having been committed during or immediately before or after any game.

- a) Using profane and/or obscene language.
- b) Consuming alcohol or illegal drugs. These actions are prohibited by law anywhere in all public parks.
- c) Theft of property belonging to NYBA and/or others.

2. After an appropriate warning, a player or coach shall be ejected for any of the following:

- a) Showing disrespect towards game officials, other players or coaches.
- b) Destruction or abuse of property belonging to the NYBA and/or others (includes the throwing of bats, helmets or other equipment).
- c) Unsportsmanlike conduct on or off the playing field.

Unsportsmanlike conduct will include but not be limited to teasing or criticizing other players or coaches, derogatory name calling, "trash talking", loud yelling or chanting during a play intended to distract opposing team players, a catcher telling a batter to swing as a pitch is coming in, and continuing criticism of officials' calls.

At the discretion of the division convenor, further disciplinary action may be taken depending on the severity of the infraction or based on the history of infractions by the same individual.

3. The individual concerned shall have the right to appeal to the NYBA Board whenever a suspension is more than one game beyond the ejection. The decision of the Board on any such appeal is final and binding.

4. Notwithstanding the above, the minimum suspension for a second infraction by the same individual is one game beyond the ejection.

5. A Player or Coach who is ejected shall completely leave the vicinity of the ballpark, or in the case of a player under the age of 14, be under the control of a parent/guardian.

If a player is ejected by an umpire, the umpire shall make a report to the convenor within 24 hours.

Parents and Guardians

1. Up to and including the Peewee division, parents are expected to attend all games played by their children. In the case of car pooling at least one parent must be on hand for the children transported in that car.

2. Parents are encouraged to support and cheer for their children and their children's team. They are not to show disrespect for the other team or game officials. Parents who continually disrupt the game by loud yelling or criticizing will be asked to leave the area of the diamond.

3. Any parent entering onto the playing field to argue with an official or using loud profane language shall be asked to leave the area immediately. Refusal to comply will result in, at the discretion of the convenor, forfeiture of the game by the team whose parent commits the infraction.

4. At no time shall any parent consume alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs while in the park. When smoking, parents shall remove themselves from the area of the players' benches and the backstop.

5. Unless serving as an accredited coach, no parent shall be in the players' dugout or on the bench or on the field unless asked by the team's head coach to assist with coaching responsibilities. In this case the parent so involved shall be governed by the official rules of baseball re: coaches' conduct.

OFFICIALS: All umpires are expected to abide by the spirit and intent of this code as it applies to all others.

VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers in the North York Baseball Association include all Board members, team coaches and managers, convenors of any player group and any person who organizes or helps to organize any NYBA authorized event. All are expected to abide by the spirit of the foregoing. Additionally,

When acting on the behalf of or in any situation that may reflect on the integrity or image of North York Baseball:

- 1. Members shall respect the decisions and treat with respect game and league officials.**
- 2. Members shall not use foul or inappropriate language, speak or comment inappropriately that may be insulting or condescending to others.**
- 3. Members shall not make any inappropriate or lewd gestures that may be interpreted as indecent, insulting or rude.**

4. **Members may not make physical contact with another person that may be physically harmful to that person or could be regarded as a sexual advancement or harassment.**
5. **Members shall not use their membership status in the North York Baseball Association to gain an advantage over others that would not otherwise exist.**
6. **Members may not use their membership status in the North York Baseball Association to force their personal will or preferences over any person, team, group or committee that would not otherwise exist.**

REP PLAYERS: All members of Select and Rep teams which play in other jurisdictions shall be subject to all provisions of this code and remember that they represent North York when they appear at team events and tournaments.

Any volunteer, team member, or official accused or violating this code of conduct or any component of it will be investigated by the North York Baseball Association Executive Committee. If the committee determines the accusation is accurate the member will be penalized up to and including dismissal from the association.