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FOOTHILLS MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION

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## FOOTHILLS MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT

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*NOTE: THIS POLICY refers to all categories of members of Foothills Minor Ball Association, as well as to all individuals engaged in activities with FMBA, including, but not limited to, athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, directors, officers, team managers, team captains, administrators and the Executive Council.*

### Code of Conduct Categories:

- a) FMBA Etiquette
- b) Code of Conduct- FMBA organization
- c) Code of Conduct- FMBA Players
- d) Code of Conduct- FMBA Coaches
- e) Code of Conduct- FMBA Parents

#### a) FOOTHILLS MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION ETIQUETTE

Foothills Minor Ball Association exists to foster and encourage the growth and enjoyment of the sport of baseball by teaching the value of sportsmanship, skills, commitment and competition. We seek to be regarded as leaders in player and coach development, resulting in increased confidence in athletes.

Our philosophy is that the tools we provide as the Foothills Minor Ball Association, our players will endeavour to take their baseball talents to whatever level of competition they choose. Although the sport of baseball is our focus youth athletics in general creates leaders in their schools and their community. Through proper guidance and exemplary leadership, the FMBA assists youth in developing the qualities of citizenship, discipline, teamwork and physical well-being. By espousing virtues of character, courage and loyalty, the FMBA is designed to develop superior citizens, as well as superior athletes.

#### b) FOOTHILLS MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT

Foothills Minor Ball Association is committed to providing an environment in which all individuals are treated with respect. Furthermore, FMBA supports equal opportunity and prohibits discriminatory practices. Members are expected to conduct themselves at all times in a manner consistent with the

values of FMBA. Members may be subject to sanctions according to FMBA's Discipline Policy for engaging in any of the following behavior:

- ✓ Not complying with the rules, regulations or policies of FMBA, as adopted and amended from time to time;
- ✓ Deliberately disregarding the Rules of Baseball/Softball as amended from time to time;
- ✓ Verbally or physically abusing an opponent, officials, umpires, spectators or sponsors;
- ✓ Showing disrespect to officials, including the use of foul language and obscene or offensive gestures;
- ✓ Abusing playing equipment or playing area;
- ✓ Failing to comply with the conditions of entry of an event including any rules with regard to eligibility or advertising;
- ✓ Failing to be available to meet reasonable requests for interviews by the media;
- ✓ Using tobacco products on-field at any FMBA sanctioned competition;
- ✓ Any other unreasonable conduct which brings the game into disrepute, including but not limited to, abusive use of alcohol, non-medical use of drugs, use of alcohol by minors.

The Foothills Minor Ball Association Code of Conduct shall govern all disciplinary matters to the extent that it conflicts with or augments Baseball Alberta/Calgary Minor Softball Association/Softball Alberta

**c) FOOTHILLS MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT- PLAYERS**

As a player for the Foothills Minor Ball Association, I agree to:

- Respect my manager and coaches.  
The managers and coaches are volunteers who donate their time to our organization and my appreciation of their help should be reflected in all my actions on the playing field. It is my duty to listen to and follow the directions of my manager and coaches and to obey the rules set forth by the manager and coaches of the teams.
- Respect my team members and other players.  
I will not insult, criticize or verbally abuse any other player. Such behavior does not promote but destroys team spirit and will not be tolerated by the Foothills Minor Ball Association.
- Never resort to physical threats or actions to rectify a situation.  
Physical outbursts are unacceptable and will be dealt with using a zero-tolerance policy. Any occurrence will be immediately directed to the Executive Council.
- Display good sportsmanship at all times.  
As a representative of the Foothills Minor Ball Association, it is my duty to reflect the characteristics of fair play at all times. I will display to others that competition is healthy

and I will not lower the standards of the Foothills Minor Ball Association by engaging in unsportsmanlike conduct.

- Be a contributor to the Foothills Minor Ball Association.  
I play, not only for my own personal pleasure and benefit, but for the benefit and as a representative of the Foothills Minor Baseball Association. I will always give 100% to my team by doing the best job that I can.
- Be proud to be a player for the Foothills Minor Ball Association and have FUN doing it!

#### **d) FOOTHILLS MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT- COACHES**

Being a coach can have a very profound effect on the social, emotional, and physical development of an athlete of any age. Each player's experience on the field, whether positive or negative may last their entire lifetime. The Foothills Minor Ball Association strives to assure that the coach/athlete relationship and learning environment is always a positive experience so that each player's unique development can be maximized. Above all an FMBA coach must exhibit the highest ethical and moral qualities while being a strong role model for each of the players he coaches. As a coach, you play an integral role in ensuring that these core values are met. Therefore, FMBA asks that you read, and abide by, the Fair Play Code set out below.

- I will be reasonable when scheduling games and practices remembering that the players on my team have other interests and obligations.
- I will teach the players on my team to play fairly and to respect the rules, the officials, their opponents and their team-mates.
- I will ensure all players on my team receive equal instruction, support and appropriate, fair playing time.
- I will not ridicule or yell at the players on my team for making mistakes or performing poorly. I will remember that children play to have fun and must be encouraged to have confidence in themselves.
- I will make sure that the equipment and facilities are safe and match the ages and abilities of the players on my team.
- I will remember that children need a coach they can respect. I will be generous with praise and will set a good example.
- I will obtain proper training and continue to upgrade my coaching skills.
- I will treat other coaches, players, umpires and other officials with respect.

## **e) FOOTHILLS MINOR BALL ASSOCIATION CODE OF CONDUCT- PARENTS**

In order to enjoy the season and to allow others to do the same, FMBA asks that parents please follow these guidelines:

- I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
- I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
- I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
- I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
- I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and wellbeing of the athletes.
- I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
- I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
- I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
- I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also deemphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
- I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
- I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
- I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league organization
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved.
- Parental season suspension