

Player Code of Conduct

The following standards govern the behaviour of all players before, during and after games:

For the good of the game . . .

(Safety) Players Shall:

1. Never deliberately jeopardize the safety and well being of opponents, teammates, umpires, or spectators.
2. Not use stick/ball as a weapon.
3. Avoid body contact.
4. Participate in a manner that ensures the safety of athletes, coaches and officials also participating in the game.
6. Refrain from retaliating when fouled.
7. Refrain from displays of temper on the field or in the playing area.
8. Abstain from drinking alcoholic beverages before or during a game.

(Dealing with others) Players shall:

1. Accept the authority of the umpires. At no time is it appropriate to demonstrably question the decisions and actions of the umpires. Avoid comments or gestures which express disagreement with umpires' calls (these are cardable offenses). Only the captain may ask for clarification of a decision.
2. Be modest in success and generous in defeat. Accept defeat with dignity.
3. Acknowledge, willingly and openly, good play by either team.
4. Control their temper - verbal abuse of officials and/or other players, deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not permitted.
5. Support and encourage their teammates as well as all other players and umpires. Without them there would be no competition.
6. Consistently display high personal standards and project a favourable image of the sport
7. Refrain from public criticism of fellow players, coaches and umpires.
8. Refrain from the use of profane, insulting, harassing, or otherwise offensive language or behaviour. Avoid profanity during play, even in a "friendly" manner.
9. Treat opponents and officials with due respect, both in victory and defeat.
10. Refrain from addressing remarks to opposing players or coaches, umpires, or spectators (except when remarks convey genuine friendship and respect or are in response to questions by the umpire).
11. Convey a consistently positive attitude toward their teammates and coaches.
12. Refrain from negative comments, such as "Let's score another one" about a weak team.
13. Remember that without opponents there can be no game.
14. Remember that their teammates are their colleagues. All team members are equal.
15. Be positive role models.
16. Encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game.
17. Avoid any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or spectator such as booing and taunting, refusing to shake hands, or using profane language or gestures.
18. Resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
19. Never ridicule or yell at any participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.

Players Shall Avoid Unsportsmanlike Conduct Unsportsmanlike Conduct occurs when a player, coach, or spectator at any time while on field or in the area of a Border game conducts her/himself in an abusive, offensive, or illegal manner prior to, during, or after a game. This includes but is not limited to:

- A. fighting
- B. causing property damage at a game site
- C. entering into an argument with an umpire as to a decision that has been made
- D. attempting in any way to influence the decision of an umpire
- E. using threatening, profane, or obscene language or gestures at any time during a game
- F. baiting, taunting, or any other act which is intended or designed to embarrass, ridicule, or demean others under any circumstances, including on the basis of gender, place of origin, color, sexual orientation, religion, political belief, or economic status.

Failure to adhere to the code of conduct may result in suspension or expulsion from league play.