

# Greencastle-Antrim Baseball and Softball Association

## Code of Conduct

We, the Greencastle-Antrim Baseball and Softball Association (GABSA), have implemented the following Code of Conduct for the important message it holds about the proper role we all hold in supporting children in sports.

### *Preamble*

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Good Citizenship

The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these “six pillars of character.”

Remember, children participate to have fun and the game is for youth, not adults.

### *Consequences*

Any person(s) guilty of improper conduct at any GABSA complex/event will be:

- First Offense – A verbal warning will be issued to the offender by the Board Member on Duty. If the offense is serious, and warrants, the offender will be asked to leave the sports facility by the Board Member on Duty and may be suspended from the following game, if the Board of Directors deems necessary.

- Second Offense – A verbal warning will be issued to the offender by the Board Member on Duty. If the offense is serious, and warrants, the offender will be asked to leave the sports facility by the Board Member on Duty and may be suspended from the following game, if the Board of Directors deems necessary.
- Third Offense – Will cause a multiple game suspension, or the season forfeiture of the privilege of attending all games, or permanent suspension.

All offences (First, Second, and Third) will be reviewed, within 48 hours, by the GABSA Board of Directors and they shall determine if any further action or additional suspensions are necessary.

The decision to remove a person(s) from the facility is solely the decision of the GABSA Board Member on Duty at the time of the incident, or the GABSA Board of Directors if there is no Board Member on Duty. The Board Member on Duty will ensure the offender leaves the premises immediately and is authorized to seek the assistance of the authorities, if necessary.

## ***Offenses***

**No Board Member, manager, coach, umpire, player or spectator shall, at any time:**

- Be guilty of the use of profane, obscene or vulgar language or gesture in any manner at any time.
- Push, shove, strike, or threaten to strike any Board Member, official, manager, coach, umpire, player or spectator.
- Be guilty of using unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of a game against the body of an opposing player.
- Ridicule any child or other participants for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Speak disrespectfully to any player, manager, coach, official or representative of the league.
- Be guilty of tampering or manipulating any league rosters, schedules, draft positions or selections, official score books, rankings, financial records or procedures.

- Be guilty of heaping personal verbal or physical abuse upon any official for any real or imaginary belief of a wrong decision or judgment.
- Be guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct such as, but not limited to, throwing of gloves, helmets, hats, bats, balls, or any other forceful unsportsmanlike action.
- Challenge an umpire's authority. The umpires shall have the authority and discretion during a game to penalize the offender according to the infraction up to and including expulsion from the game.
- Use any drug, alcohol, or tobacco (including smokeless tobacco) product while on GABSA property. The use of vaping devices or e-cigarettes are also prohibited.
- Appear on the field of play, stands, or anywhere on the GABSA complex while in an intoxicated state. Intoxicated will be defined as an odor or behavior issue.
- Be guilty of gambling upon any play or outcome of any game with anyone at any time.
- Publicly, including social media or verbally, be derogatory or abusive to any Board Member, official, manager, coach, umpire, player, or the Greencastle-Antrim Baseball and Softball Association.
- Solicitation of any GABSA player, parent, spectator, manager, coach, official or representative of the league is strictly prohibited without prior written consent from the President of the GABSA Board of Directors. This includes, but is not limited to, individual spirit wear, team spirit wear, tournament team spirit wear, fundraisers, etc.