



Dandenong Baseball Association

COACH'S/MANAGER'S CODE OF ETHICS

(Note: This Policy is taken from the Australian Baseball Federation (ABF) Member Protection Policy (MPP) {Section D2} and is subject to change without notice as per ABF Updates of the MPP. The most current version of the policy will be available from Baseball Australia and will overrule this policy if changes are made.)

The coach / manager of a team may be the second most influential person in a player's life. Coaches, through their own behaviour (on and off the field) have an enormous impact on the development of young players. In establishing a solid foundation of character building with players, the key responsibility of any coach is to lead by example. This holds true at all levels of development. For these reasons and many more, in addition to the DBA's Coach's Code of Behaviour, the DBA has developed a Code of Ethics to encompass all coaches and managers participating in DBA endorsed and organised tournaments, development programs and special events. These principles are considered practicable and are within the aims and objectives of the DBA.

- (1) Supervise the behaviour of the team at all times.
- (2) Do not criticise players in front of spectators, parents and other teams. Review constructive criticism with a player in private or in the presence of the team.
- (3) Accept decisions of the umpire as being fair and called to the best of their ability. Do not abuse or ridicule an umpire, or allow your team members to do so.
- (4) Develop team respect for opponents, spectators and officials. Do not criticise other teams, supporters, or officials by words or gestures.
- (5) Set a good example in personal appearance and behaviour.
- (6) Encourage sportsmanlike behaviour among players.
- (7) Ensure whenever possible all players have equal time on the diamond. Avoid overplaying the talented players - average players need and deserve equal time.
- (8) Encourage players to work together as a unified group (team work).
- (9) Keep yourself informed of sound coaching principles and seek more skilled advice when required.
- (10) Encourage your team to hustle on and off the playing field at all times.
- (11) All press statements and / or interviews must be approved by the DBA.
- (12) Place the welfare and development of the individual above a winning or losing record.
- (13) Do not embarrass your opponents.





- (14) Do not use any form of tobacco or alcohol of any description on the field, in the dugouts or bullpens, or whilst in uniform.
- (15) Whenever possible provide assistance with coaching expertise and knowledge to developing teams.
- (16) Abide by the tournament's rules and regulations as established by the DBA.
- (17) Be aware of any player with a medical problem.
- (18) Strive to develop a positive image and self-sufficient attitude with each player.
- (19) Enforce the DBA's Player Code of Conduct.
- (20) Present Australian Baseball in a positive image.



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