

Fair Play Codes

COACHES!

Photocopy this and hand out to your athletes and their parents. Have them sign it and commit to their agreement.

**RETURN
COMPLETED
FORM TO
YOUR COACH**

Harassment can stem from a lack of communication and respect. One way to have a successful season is to work together with your participants. Discuss these Fair Play Codes with your participants and their parents. They may agree with them in principle, but discuss how you can ensure that they will live by them. The following codes are taken from a resource manual developed for community coaches by the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES).

FOR ATHLETES:

- ✓ I will play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
- ✓ I will control my temper – fighting and “mouthing off” can spoil the activity for everybody.
- ✓ I will respect my opponents.
- ✓ I will do my best to be a true team player.
- ✓ I will remember that winning isn't everything – that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are as important.
- ✓ I will acknowledge all good plays/performances – those of my team and of my opponents.
- ✓ I will participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
- ✓ I will remember that coaches and officials are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

I agree to Play Fair _____

(Signature of Athlete)

FOR PARENTS:

- ✓ I will remember that my child plays sport for his or her enjoyment, not for mine.
- ✓ I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
- ✓ I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game/event.
- ✓ I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
- ✓ I will never ridicule or yell at my child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- ✓ I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good players' performances by both my child's team and their opponents.
- ✓ I will not force my child to participate in sports.
- ✓ I will never question the official's judgement or honesty in public.
- ✓ I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sporting activities.
- ✓ I will respect and show appreciation for the trained volunteer coaches who give their time to provide sport activities for my child, understanding that I have a responsibility to be a part of my child's development.

I agree to Play Fair _____

(Signature of Parent)

Chemainus & District Baseball Association

COACH CODE OF CONDUCT

"An opportunity to make a difference"

- I will be responsible for all the kids on my team.
- " I will do my best to insure that all the kids have fun playing sports.
- " I will treat all kids with respect and avoid negative criticism.
- " I will teach all kids the skills of the game, the values of teamwork and the meaning of good sportsmanship.
- I will lead by example and always demonstrate good sportsmanship during games.
- " I will see that "all kids play" regardless of skill level.
- " I will provide only encouragement and positive direction to players during games.
- " I will know the rules and always play by the rules.
- " I will respect the officials and their authority during games.
- I will communicate with the parents on my team and inform them of all team rules, practices and games.
- I will respect all facilities and equipment made available for my team to practice and play games.
- I will never use profanity, abusive language or threatening behavior towards any player, parent, coach or official.
- I will report to an executive member of the Chemainus & District Baseball Association any perceived misconduct by coach, player, parent or official so it can be dealt with in the appropriate manner.

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

I will enjoy my child's opportunity to experience the benefits of sport.

I will trust in my child's ability to have fun as well as to perform and achieve excellence on his/her own.

I will help my child to learn the right lessons from winning and losing and from individual accomplishments and mistakes.

I will respect my child's teammates and fellow parents as well as the players, parents and coaches from opposing teams.

I will give only encouragement and applaud only positive accomplishments whether for my child, his/her teammates, their opponents or the officials.

I will respect my child's coach and support his/her efforts.

I will not instruct from the sidelines unless asked to by the coach.

I will ensure that my child will attend all games and practices possible and, when not possible, I agree to inform the coach in advance.

I will respect all facilities made available so my child can play games and practice his/her sport.

I will respect any equipment or uniform that may be loaned to my child so that he/she can participate.

I will respect the officials and their authority during games.

I will never demonstrate threatening or abusive behavior or use foul language.

I will be responsible to report to an executive member of the Chemainus & District Baseball Association any perceived misconduct by coach, player, parent or official so it can be dealt with in the appropriate manner.

**There is zero tolerance for abuse
of players, coaches or officials.**