



# Sydney Metropolitan Baseball League

## CODE OF CONDUCT

Through expectation and regulation our League aims to provide fairness, equity and good sportsmanship in baseball both on and off the field. SMBL is committed to providing the best possible environment in which its players can gain satisfaction by playing at their highest standard possible. We believe that it is important for officials and administrators to discharge their responsibilities fairly in an atmosphere of support and camaraderie. This code of conduct is designed to ensure that the standards that we expect are clear to all members. It is hoped that by expressing what constitutes appropriate behavior it will become the norm for all persons associated with our League.

As individuals, League members will;

- \* play by the rules of the competition.
- \* recognise that the League is an amateur league controlled and administered by volunteers.
- \* refrain from arguing with officials or umpires.
- \* obey any reasonable request from team or club officials.
- \* control their temper - verbal abuse of officials or other players will not be tolerated.
- \* as an official, dispense their duties in a calm and respectful manner.
- \* not consume/use any unapproved substances includes cigarettes, alcohol, chewing tobacco or drugs other than those prescribed by a physician in the vicinity of the game.
- \* not cause any loss or damage to private property or cause a disturbance to others.

For the promotion of the League and the game of baseball members will ;

- \* play to their best ability at all times.
- \* co-operate with coaches, team mates and opponents.
- \* always demonstrate respect for the game
- \* present a positive image to the public at all times.
- \* never bring the game or the League into disrepute.

Good sportsmanship demands that members ;

- \* recognise good plays from either team.
- \* never deliberately distract or provoke an opponent.
- \* treat all players as they would like to be treated.
- \* will not interfere with or take unfair advantage of any other player.
- \* will not abuse property or equipment.

**Through observation of the principles expressed in this Code of Conduct all members of the League will enjoy a happy and productive season without resort to the disciplinary action which is contained in the competition rules.**