

Belleville Minor Softball - Code of Conduct

Belleville Minor Softball is committed to fostering a positive, inclusive, and safe environment for all participants, including players, coaches, officials, parents, and volunteers. This Code of Conduct outlines the expectations and standards of behaviour that ensure respect, fairness, and integrity within our community.

1. **Respect for All** - Everyone involved in Belleville Minor Softball—players, coaches, officials, and spectators—must treat each other with respect and dignity, regardless of ability, race, gender, or background.
2. **Promoting a Positive Attitude** - Swearing, yelling, or aggressive behavior will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Players, coaches, and spectators must maintain a calm and positive attitude, even during tense moments. Coaches and spectators should model appropriate behavior, using encouraging language and focusing on constructive feedback.
3. **Sportsmanship** - Players and coaches are expected to play and coach with integrity, adhering to the principles of fair play and good sportsmanship. Celebrate successes with humility and accept losses with grace.
4. **Safety First** - Ensuring the safety and well-being of all participants is a priority. Players must wear appropriate protective equipment, and all individuals must adhere to safety guidelines during games and practices.
5. **Compliance with Rules** - All participants must follow the rules and regulations of Belleville Minor Softball and respect the decisions of officials. Please keep in mind we have coaches, players, and umpires who are learning. If a rule needs to be reviewed we ask you communicate this with a coach. If clarity is needed we will contact a convenor. Any disputes must be handled respectfully and through proper channels.
6. **Umpires** - Umpires play a vital role in ensuring fair play, safety, and the integrity of the game. It is essential that all participants — athletes, coaches, parents, and spectators — show respect and understanding toward officials. Treat umpires with professionalism, courtesy, and respect, both on and off the field. Umpires are human and, like all participants, can make mistakes. Maintain a positive attitude toward their decisions and uphold good sportsmanship. Harassment, verbal abuse, or physical intimidation of umpires will not be tolerated. Any form of abuse toward umpires, including racial, gender-based, or any other form of discriminatory treatment, is unacceptable and will be reported.

7. **Responsibility and Accountability** - Players must arrive on time, be prepared, and demonstrate commitment to their team. Coaches, parents, and spectators are expected to set a positive example through their behaviour and words.
8. **No Substance Use** - The use of alcohol or drugs is strictly prohibited at all Belleville Minor Softball events. Tobacco use is limited to areas away from the bench.
9. **Consequences of Misconduct** - Violations of this Code of Conduct will be taken seriously and may result in disciplinary actions, including warnings, suspension, or removal from the organization. The severity of the consequences will depend on the nature and frequency of the violations.

By participating in Belleville Minor Softball, all players, coaches, parents, and spectators agree to uphold this Code of Conduct. Violations may result in disciplinary action to ensure a safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for everyone.

Contact Information: If you have any questions or need to report a violation, please contact info@bellevilleminorsoftball.com