

Boston Baseball Association

Code of Conduct

The Boston Baseball Association (BBA) has created a Code of Conduct to establish guidelines for the expected behavior of all participants. It is expected that all BBA participants, including players, coaches, officials, personnel, and fans, demonstrate respect at all times during BBA games and Clutch Hittin events. Membership in the BBA/Clutch Hittin is a privilege and is not automatically granted to any individual.

The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to promote the overall well-being and improvement of our league. To ensure compliance with this Code, regulations have been put in place. If a player, manager, or coach fails to abide by this code, fines and suspensions may be imposed. Failure to adhere to the Code of Conduct may result in the loss of participation rights in the BBA.

EJECTIONS

Penalties for ejections from a game in the Boston Baseball Association (BBA) may include fines, suspensions, and even expulsion from the league. The severity of each ejection will be assessed to determine appropriate sanctions, if necessary. Any player who is ejected from a game will automatically receive a suspension, which will take effect from the next scheduled game onwards. It is important to note that regular season and post-season games are considered part of the same season, and suspensions can carry over from one year to the next.

If the team manager, as designated at the beginning of the season, is ejected from a game due to actions related to their role as a manager (such as questioning a call on the field), there will be no automatic game suspension. However, the league reserves the right to impose a suspension or even expulsion after further review of the incident.

ABUSE OF OFFICIALS

In the Boston Baseball Association (BBA), any form of abuse or unsportsmanlike conduct towards officials, such as disputing an umpire's judgment, making physical contact with an umpire, or directing unsportsmanlike behavior towards any official, will not be tolerated. Players or team personnel who engage in such behavior will be subject to disciplinary action, which may include permanent removal from the league. We strive to maintain a respectful and fair environment for all participants, and any violation of this conduct will be taken seriously.

FIGHTING

In the event of a fight during a game in the Boston Baseball Association (BBA), immediate action will be taken. Any player or coach involved in a fight will be immediately ejected from the game. Furthermore, a suspension will be imposed, which will prohibit the player or coach from participating in the team's next five consecutive games minimum. Additional penalties may also be considered depending on the severity of the incident. We prioritize a safe and respectful playing environment, and any form of fighting is strictly prohibited.

INTENTIONALLY THROWING AT A BATTER

In cases where a pitcher is found guilty of intentionally throwing at a batter, strict consequences will be imposed. The pitcher will be immediately ejected from the game and will face a suspension for the team's next four consecutive games. This suspension is in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all players involved. Additionally, further sanctions may be considered depending on the severity of the incident. The Boston Baseball Association (BBA) strongly condemns any intentional act that puts players at risk and will take appropriate measures to maintain a fair and safe playing environment.

VERBAL ABUSE

To promote a respectful and sportsmanlike environment, it is strictly prohibited for game personnel to use language that reflects negatively on opposing players, coaches, umpires, or spectators. In the event of verbal abuse, the umpire will issue a warning to the offending individual(s). If the abuse persists, the umpire has the authority to eject the person(s) responsible from the game. This policy aims to uphold the values of fair play, respect, and professionalism within the sports community. BBA is committed to maintaining a positive and inclusive atmosphere for all participants and spectators.

SOCIAL MEDIA BEHAVIOR

When engaging in online activities, it is important for BBA participants to adhere to the principles outlined in the BBA Code of Conduct. While we respect the value of freedom of speech, it is crucial to exercise caution when expressing negativity in a public forum as it can have a negative impact on everyone involved. As we aim to establish a robust digital presence, it is essential to maintain a clean and respectful online environment that aligns with the BBA Code of Conducts. By doing so, we can collectively work towards building a positive and inclusive online community.

Listed below are the offenses and the recommended penalties for each:

1. Excessive arguing and foul language: Participants engaging in excessive arguing or using foul language may face a penalty of 1-2 games.
2. Umpire contact: Participants who make physical contact with an umpire may face a penalty of 3 or more games.
3. Fighting before, during, or after a game: Participants involved in fights before, during, or after a game may face a penalty of 5 or more games.
4. Physical attack against an umpire: Participants who physically attack an umpire may face a penalty of 1 year or more.

These penalties are put in place to maintain a safe and respectful environment during BBA games. It is important for all participants to adhere to these guidelines in order to ensure fair and enjoyable competition for everyone involved.

If a player participates in a league game while under automatic suspension, there will be additional penalties imposed on the player. In addition, the team that has used an ineligible player may have any wins gained during that time stripped from their record. This rule is in place to maintain fairness and integrity in the league and to discourage teams from knowingly using ineligible players. It is important for all teams and players to adhere to the league's rules and regulations to ensure a level playing field for all participants.

The following rules apply to behavior at BBA fields:

1. NO BEER, NO ALCOHOL, NO TOBACCO, NO WEED: It is strictly prohibited to consume or possess any alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, or marijuana on the school premises or at the baseball field/dugout. This rule is in place to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants and maintain a family-friendly environment.

2. DUGOUT ACCESS: Only roster players, managers, and scorekeepers are allowed in the dugout area. Other individuals, such as family members, friends, and pets, are not permitted in the dugout. Violation of this rule may result in the forfeit of the game. League insurance does not allow for family members, friends and pets to be present in the dugout area.

3. CLEANLINESS AND PARKING: As guests at the fields, each franchise is responsible for cleaning their benches and maintaining cleanliness in the surrounding area. It is important to be mindful of the surroundings and to obey local parking rules before, during, and after BBA games. This ensures a respectful and considerate attitude towards the facilities and the community.

Adhering to these rules will contribute to a positive and enjoyable experience for all participants and help maintain a good relationship with permit providers, the schools and the local community.

Teams found to be in violation of the rules mentioned above may face consequences. These consequences could include fines or the suspension of offending coaches or players. It is important for all teams to adhere to the rules in order to maintain a fair and respectful environment for everyone involved.

Managers Responsibilities

Each manager has the responsibility of not only leading their team on game day but also maintaining an accurate online roster.

Managers are required to maintain an accurate score sheet for each game and submit the game scores online within 3 hours of completed game.

It is the duty of managers to promptly report any player ejections or injuries to the League via text message or phone call within three hours of the game's completion.

Furthermore, managers and their teams are responsible for the proper upkeep and cleanliness of the field and dugouts. This includes removing all equipment and litter from the premises after each game. Teams playing the first and last games of the day are also responsible for handling any tarps and batting cages. If a manager is unable to fulfill these obligations, they must inform the League in advance so that alternative arrangements can be made.

It is strictly prohibited for any player, umpire, or individual to perform grounds crew field maintenance without explicit and prior approval from the League or permit provider. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in disciplinary action by the League.