



The Henley & Grange Baseball Club Inc. Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct has been developed for all members and persons participating in Club activities or representing the Club at SABL or ABL activities. This Code is in addition to that governing behaviour in the Club rooms as set out in the West Lakes Sports Club Code of Conduct.

Players

Players are expected to:

- Compete by the competition conditions and rules. Verbal abuse against umpires, opposing coaches, team officials, players, scorers or fans will not be tolerated. Control your temper and remember you can't change the past so focus on your game to help the team achieve a win.
- Co-operate with your coach and team-mates. Show respect for your opponents and their skills.
- Be friendly to all participants; acknowledge all good plays whether they are by your team or the opposition.
- Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
- Report all medical issues and injuries to a coach or trainer and seek proper treatment when necessary.
- Pay fees by Registration Day or not be eligible for selection. **Auto direct credit payments to BSB 105138 ACC: 029135640 Henley & Grange Baseball Club Inc.**

Players are expected **NOT** to:

- Smoke on the field or during a game when named on the team sheet, use chewing tobacco or drugs of any kind unless prescribed by a licensed physician.
- Behave in a manner that is likely to result in loss of or damage to private property or to cause a disturbance.
- Abuse equipment such as throwing helmets or bats. Players will be held responsible for replacing equipment/property damaged by such abuse.

Remember it's a game - so play for the fun of it.

COACHES/MANAGERS

Coaches and Managers are expected to:

- Set the example for the players, parents and spectators through their own behaviour (on and off the field).
- Provide supervision of the behaviour of the team at all times.

- Not criticise or ridicule players in front of spectators, parents and other teams but provide constructive criticism with a player in private.
- Accept decisions of the umpire as being fair and called to the best of their ability but by all means challenge decisions if a rule is breached or not applied properly. Do not abuse or ridicule the umpires, nor allow your players to do so. Do not embarrass your opponents.
- Develop team respect from opponents, spectators and officials. Do not criticise other teams, supporters or officials by words or gestures.
- Encourage sportsman like behaviour among the players.
- Ensure whenever possible all players have equal time on the diamond and everyone has a reasonable chance of success. Avoid over playing the talented players - the average player needs development and deserves equal time.
- Encourage players to work together as a unified group (teamwork).
- Provide assistance with coaching expertise and knowledge to developing teams.
- Be aware of any players with medical or injury problems.
- Enforce this Code of Conduct including non-selection of un-financial players and bring any breaches to the attention of the Executive Committee.

PARENTS & SPECTATORS

Parents and spectators are expected to:

- Respect the facilities of our Club and any baseball venue attended so that the Club's name is not tarnished.
- Respect officials' decisions and teach children to do likewise.
- Remain outside the playing field other than if required through player injury to enter as only team personnel (coaches, players, team officials) are allowed on the field.
- Encourage children to participate, according to the rules, do not force them. Focus on the child's efforts and performance rather than winning or losing. Remember that children play sport for their enjoyment, not yours. Never ridicule or scold children for making a mistake, positive comments are motivational.
- Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities.
- Abide by the liquor licence governing alcohol sale and consumption on the Club's premises and no alcohol is to be brought onto the premises for consumption.
- Show appreciation of volunteer coaches, officials and administrators. Without them, the game could not your child proceed.

Volunteer yourself to spread the load and build a stronger Club.

Any breach of this Code will be dealt with by the Executive Committee and appropriate action decided upon which may include Club or playing suspension. **It is assumed all persons associated with the Club are aware of this Code and such will be issued to all players.**