



## BASEBALL AUSTRALIA

### PARENT AND SUPPORTER CODE OF BEHAVIOR REVISED 06/09/12

#### Preamble:

All parents, supporters and spectators must abide by the Australian Baseball Federation Parent and Supporter Code of Behaviour as well as codes of conduct or policies of host organisations, venues and local authorities policies.

As a parent/supporter/spectator associated in or attending any activity held by or under the auspices of the Australian Baseball Federation (ABF), a member association or an affiliated club, these policies and codes of behaviour are binding.

#### Requirements:

A Parent or Supporter must meet the following requirements in regard to your conduct during any baseball activity or event:

1. Respect the decisions of officials and teach young people to do the same.
2. Never ridicule or scald a young player for making a mistake.
3. Condemn the use of violence in any form, whether it is by other spectators, coaches, officials or players.
4. Show respect for your team's opponents.
5. Do not use violence, harassment or abuse in any form (i.e., do not use foul language, sledge or harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators).
6. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every person regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion.
7. No obscene or indecent messages on signs or clothing.
8. Not to be intoxicated or unruly during pre-game and game activities.
9. Not interfere with the play of the game in any manner. This includes running onto the field or throwing objects onto the field of play.
10. Respect the rights and decisions of the ABF appointed staff of National and International Championships and Teams, charged with the supervision and wellbeing of players and the game.

#### Process:

Spectators or supporters seen to be conducting themselves in an inappropriate manner, breaching the Parent and Supporter Code of Behaviour and/or bringing the team and game into disrepute, appropriate person/s have a responsibility to report such incidents to the ABF or correct authority and for the ABF to exercise its rights to take appropriate action.

**Penalties: Supporters violating the Parent and Supporter Code of behaviour may be ejected from the game and the boundaries of the Championship venue immediately and/or for an appropriate length of time. They also may lose future privileges for repeat offences or severe infractions.**