



Zero Tolerance Policy for All Levels in Baseball New Brunswick

PURPOSE

In an effort to provide participants with a healthy, safe and developmental athletic environment that encourages fair play, effort, teamwork and sportsmanship, Baseball New Brunswick (BNB) supports a Zero Tolerance Policy for players, parents, coaches, game officials, umpires, team officials, league administrators and spectators. This policy requires that a sportsmanlike and developmentally positive atmosphere exist before, during and after all BNB sanctioned events.

POLICY

All BNB players, coaches, team officials, league administrators and parents are expected to conduct himself/herself in a respectful and sportsmanlike manner at all times before, during and after BNB sanctioned events. Good conduct is expected to extend to umpires, game officials, spectators, as well as to opposing players, coaches and parents.

Zero Tolerance Policy for Players

A warning will be given whenever a player:

1. Openly disputes or argues any decision by an umpire.
2. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an umpire's decision.

A player will be ejected from the game whenever the player:

1. Receives his second warning during a game.
 2. Uses obscene or vulgar language at any time, even if it is not directed at a particular person.
 3. Throws bats or batting helmets.
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Zero Tolerance Policy for Coaches

A warning will be given whenever a coach:

1. Openly disputes or argues an umpires decision. (It is acceptable to calmly and quietly ask for a rule interpretation but not a judgment call by the umpire).
2. Visually demonstrates any sign of dissatisfaction with an umpires call.
3. Uses obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.

A coach will be ejected from a game whenever the coach:

1. Receives a second warning during a game.
 2. Uses obscene or vulgar language, even if it is not directed at any particular person.
 3. Visually displays any sign of dissatisfaction with an official's decision with the intent of inciting the officials, players or spectators.
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Zero Tolerance Policy for Umpires

- Umpires are required to conduct themselves in a businesslike, sportsmanlike, impartial and constructive manner at all times.
 - Actions such as "baiting" or inciting players or coaches are strictly prohibited. The actions of the umpire should be above reproach.
 - Officials are ambassadors of the game and must always conduct themselves with this responsibility in mind.
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Zero Tolerance Policy for Parents/Spectators

The game will be stopped by an umpire or Board member when the parents/spectators are displaying inappropriate or disruptive behaviour interfering with other spectators or the game. The umpire or Board member will identify violators to the **team administration and /or team manager** for the purpose of removing them from the viewing and game area. Once removed, play will be resumed. Inappropriate and disruptive behaviour shall include:

1. Use of obscene or vulgar language in a boisterous manner to anyone at any time.
2. Taunting of players, coaches, umpires or other spectators by means of baiting, ridiculing, threat of physical violence or actual physical violence.

Tobacco Rule

The use of all tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, by on-field participants (players, coaches, managers, umpires, etc.) shall be prohibited at all sanctioned by Baseball New Brunswick.

- Any offenders caught using tobacco products will be ejected from the game.