

SABL Member Code of Conduct

The following **Code of Conduct** applies to all Members who participate in the Scarborough Adult Baseball League (SABL). It is mandatory for all Members to accept this Code of Conduct EACH YEAR prior to appearing in an SABL sanctioned game. Failure to comply will result in the forfeiture of any game(s) in which the violating Member participated.

1. Rules of Sportsmanship.

If, during a game, a situation that violates the rules of sportsmanship, fair play and/or baseball etiquette occurs, then the Member and/or the Team involved will receive a warning, possible ejection, and/or forfeiture of the game at the absolute discretion of the Umpires.

2. General Conduct

There will be ZERO tolerance for abusive conduct. The Umpires will have full control of the game, and abusive language, contact, or attitude towards any other Member, Umpire, or fan will not be tolerated. Members instigating or involved in any such actions will be ejected by the Umpires, and also suspended as per the SABL Constitution.

3. Ejections and Suspensions

Any Member ejected from a game must leave the playing field (including dugout) immediately. Each ejection will result in an automatic suspension for the offending Member, as well as a disciplinary review to determine whether an additional suspension is required. Automatic suspensions may increase incrementally as per the SABL Constitution.

4. Other Disciplinary Action

Any on-field or off-field incident without an ejection is also subject to disciplinary review, and may warrant a suspension. All disciplinary reviews will be conducted as outlined within the SABL Constitution.

5. Zero Tolerance for Violence

Fighting or physical contact with an Umpire or any other Member will not be tolerated. Conduct of this kind will result in an automatic ejection of the offending Member, and as well as being expelled and banned for life from SABL. In addition, if two or more Members from the same Team are involved in a fight/physical contact with an opposing Team/Member, Umpire, or fan, then such an act of violence will be considered a group assault and the corresponding Members will be expelled and banned for life from SABL.

6. Malicious Contact

Malicious contact during play is to be penalized with an ejection whether committed on offense or defense. The Umpires will determine whether contact was avoidable or unavoidable, and whether it was considered malicious. Generally contact should be considered malicious if: i) The contact is the result of intentional excessive force, and/or; ii) There is intent to injure; iii) There is an attempt to dislodge the ball.

7. No Throwing of Equipment

Any Member seen throwing equipment will be ejected from the game, and will be subject to disciplinary measures as outlined in the SABL Constitution.

8. No Drugs or Alcohol

Drugs and/or alcoholic beverages are not permitted within the playing facilities or parking areas before, during, or after an SABL sanctioned game. Members in violation of this rule shall be solely responsible for any problem(s) incurred by their violation, and will be subject to the disciplinary measures outlined in the SABL Constitution.

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9. Member Fees

Teams are responsible for the budgeting, collection, and payment of their Performance Bond, Annual Operating Fees, Umpire Fees, and any other costs associated with running their Team. Members must submit payment of their fees as prescribed by their Team Representative. Once payment has been remitted to their Team, a Member is not entitled to a refund. Failure to remit full payment of fees will result in the Member being declared “not in good financial standing” and they will be considered an “Ineligible Person” and cannot participate in the SABL.

10. Field Maintenance

Every Team and its Members are responsible for helping to maintain our playing fields. Some field maintenance duties include; field dragging/tarpping, securing field equipment (e.g. bases, I-screens), and cleaning up garbage in the vicinity of their dugout. Failure to comply will result in fines as outlined within the SABL Constitution.

11. Washroom Policy

Any Member caught urinating in a park outside of a washroom will result in fines as outlined within the SABL Constitution.

12. SABL Team Uniform Guidelines

All Members of each Team must wear matching uniforms which shall consist of: (i) baseball pants, (ii) hats, and (iii) individually numbered jerseys. Uniform rules will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply will result in fines as outlined in the SABL Constitution.

13. Rowan’s Law

Under Rowan's Law, before any member can be registered with the SABL and Baseball Ontario, the member must review one of the Concussion Education Resources provided by the Province of Ontario. Links to these resources are provided below:

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/rowans-law-concussion-safety>