

Tottenham Beeton District Minor Softball Association



Make safety, respect, fair play and fun a priority

“How much do you respect the game your children participate in and all its other participants?”

Tottenham-Beeton District Minor Softball Association has developed the following guidelines, based on the values of fair play, to promote (a moral and) ethical behaviour (code) amongst its players, parents and spectators.

Parents must read and understand the following policies regarding behaviour of their sons or daughters and also the parents themselves. It is each parent's responsibility to discuss these guidelines with their sons or daughters so they have an understanding of this code.

Fair Play Code of Behaviour for Parents and Participants

1. The safety of the participants in the game is more important than the final score.
2. I will be supportive and will not let my expectations become a burden to my son or daughter.
3. I will teach my child that doing one's best is as important as winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game / event.
4. I will make my child feel like a winner every time by offering praise for competing fairly and trying hard.
5. I will remember that children learn best by example. I will applaud good plays / performances by both my child's team as well as their opponents.
6. I will never ridicule or yell at any child for making a mistake or losing a competition.
7. I value the contribution of the coach in developing the player's talents; even though I may not always agree with their methods I will not interfere in a public manner. Any disagreements will be put forth in a personal and professional manner. I will respect and show appreciation for the volunteer coaches who give their time and effort to provide an enjoyable baseball experience for my child.
8. I understand that officials do not make the softball rules, they only apply them. I understand that officials are responsible to ensure that the game is played in a safe and fair manner for all participants. The officials who contribute their time for little reward which enables our children to play an organized sport will be treated with respect and encouragement at all times. Parents will never ridicule, question, or harass officials whatsoever.
9. I understand that players, coaches and officials are learning the game, and mistakes will be made in the learning process.
10. I understand that entering the field of play during a game to dispute a call by an official or volunteer or coach will result in immediate ejection from the park where the game is being played.
11. I will encourage my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility
12. I understand that the biggest reason for players and officials quitting the game is abuse.
13. I understand that children learn from adults, and my behaviour reflects what I want children to learn.
14. I may not cheer for the opposition team, but I will also not cheer against them or verbally abuse them.

15. I will support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from children's sports activities, both on and off the playing field including via social media and other internet applications by committing to the following:
 - a. I will not bully, intimidate, or harass any player, coach, official or member of TBDMSA either in person or via social media or other internet applications.
 - b. I will not post any photographs, videos or make comments that may be hurtful, untrue and upsetting or may be used by other people in a way I did not intend or want.
 - c. I will not post content that is hateful, threatening, or pornographic, incites violence, or contains nudity or graphic or gratuitous violence.
16. With regards to reference of social media and/or other internet applications, I understand this includes but is not limited to personal blogs, Twitter, Facebook, My Space, Bebo, You Tube, personal websites, email, and text messaging.
17. I understand that Tottenham-Beeton District Minor Softball Association respects other people's rights and that I am expected to do the same.
18. I will not write any derogatory or offensive comments in relation to TBDMSA or any other affiliated minor softball league via print media, social media, and/or other internet applications.
19. I will not post comments criticizing or verbally abusing players, coaches, officials or members of TBDMSA or any other minor softball league in print media, on social media, and/or other internet applications.

I have read and understand and accept the "**Fair Play Code of Behaviour for Parents and Participants.**" I understand that violation of any one these policies will result in the me and/or my child to appear before the Tottenham-Beeton District Minor Softball Association board of directors as per TBDMSA's Disciplinary, Grievance and Complaints Procedures and could result in the removal of your child or you as a parent from a game, the park in which games are played or from Tottenham-Beeton District Minor Softball Association entirely.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Player Signature: _____

Let your son or daughter know you enjoy having them involved with the game
 Don't lose perspective; emphasize the values associated with the game. Be
 there for your child whether they win or lose.

Photograph Policy:

Photographs of Tottenham-Beeton District Minor Softball Association. (TBDMSA) participants (players and coaches) will be taken and collected throughout the year during TBDMSA events (e.g., games, practices, tournaments, clinics, etc.). These photos will be published in TBDMSA printed materials and displayed at TBDMSA events (e.g., tournaments, yearend banquet, etc.) for the current and future seasons to promote the spirit and goals of the game and TBDMSA organization...good sportsmanship, skill, athleticism, friendship and most of all FUN!

I have read and understand the Photograph Policy and give permission for photographs of my child to be taken and used in TBDMSA materials and displays as noted above.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____