



JUNIOR BASEBALL CULTURE AND PERSPECTIVE



BNSW's goal is to ensure that everyone within our sport enjoys their involvement. All BNSW Junior Associations engaged to create the following focus points regarding junior baseball culture and perspective.

All participants, officials, volunteers and supporters **within the associations member clubs** are all responsible for behaving in a manner that adheres to Baseball Australia and Baseball NSW codes of conduct/behaviour.

The purpose of the following information, is to provide **mandatory** guidelines to the **participants, officials, volunteers and supporters** in our sport, which will in turn create a positive on field and off field experience for all involved.

SUPPORTERS

Your role is to create a positive environment that encourages all players, coaches and umpires to enjoy the game.

Supporters focus should be to applaud good play by any participants, whilst refraining from engaging in **any** 'negative' behaviour.

Negative behaviour includes- any verbal/physical gestures towards **the** umpires at any time, over excitement based on a mistake made by an opposition player and coaching from the sideline.

A great supporter is always glass half full, with the perspective of 'Great effort' as opposed to 'Hard on you'.

Leave the coaching to the coaches, umpiring to the umpires and enjoy the game by playing your role as great supporter.

PLAYERS

Your role is to respect the game (including all players, coaches, officials and supporters) and play the game in **a good competitive** spirit.

Players focus should be to enjoy the game, learn **and** improve **your knowledge and skills** and accept all umpires and coaches decisions. They have an extremely tough job and will not always get it right but without them, there will be no game.

Always show good sportsmanship, learn from mistakes, have fun and *Always hustle on and off the field* – too much playing time is lost if players don't hustle.

COACHES

Your role is to facilitate learning, mentor, guide and provide opportunities for all players **to learn, improve their knowledge and skill of the game.**

Your role is to provide players with a role model **they respect and are proud to be coached by.** As a leader and role model it is incumbent **on you to** show respect to all involved in the sport, and in particular, to umpires' decisions.

Coaches focus should be to give all players **an equal** opportunity to participate, improve and learn at all practice sessions and games. This focus must be based on long term development of players and the people they will become, rather than a short term desire to win.

Enjoy every game/practice and the fact that you are playing a key role in not only the development of young baseball players, but the personal development of young people in our community.