



# *Camlachie Athletic Association*

## **Code of Conduct**

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There are four main groups of people involved in the sports of baseball and softball:

- (i) the players,
- (ii) their parents,
- (iii) the coaches, and
- (iv) the umpires.

How these groups interact and treat each other before, during, and after each practice and game will greatly influence whether participation in the sport for the player is a positive or a negative one.

In the big picture, the true “team”, the one that needs to lead by example, is composed of all of the 4 groups above.

Camlachie Cougars has developed the following code of conduct for coaches, parents and players to ensure we meet our goal to “**respect and encourage the players, within a positive environment, where the kids learn the skills to fall in love with the game**”.

### **PARENTS & PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT:**

**Preparation:** Parents are to ensure players arrive on time, with good nutrition, well rested, properly equipped and ready to play.

**Value:** Parents are asked to acknowledge and appreciate the efforts made by all the players, this is a team sport. Parents are asked to understand that some players may not play all positions for safety reasons. Once players develop the appropriate attention span, hand-eye coordination and reactivity they will become eligible to play additional positions.

**Encouragement:** Parents are to encourage their children to treat other players with respect, both their own team and the other team.

**Behaviour:** Parents are asked to recognize that coaches are not baby-sitters. Coaches will initially attempt to correct disruptive behaviour, but if a child continues to negatively impact the team or does not respond, they will be asked to leave the dugout and go to their parents. Once the parents have effectively addressed the issue, the child is welcome to return to the dugout.



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**Respect:** Parents and players are never to make any negative verbal comments or physical gestures to anyone, including the umpires. Parents and players are to always respect the umpire's decisions and never challenge them or speak directly or indirectly to them, unless it's a positive and appreciative statement.

**Fun:** Parents are asked to reinforce with their children, that win or lose, it's not just the score that matters, it's about fair play, learning the game and having fun too.

**Appreciation:** Parents and players are encouraged to show their appreciation to the coaches and umpires after a game. A simple thank you means a lot.

**Self-Esteem:** Your child does not have to be the best player to be the most important player – which is a team player. Providing positive feedback all the way to a game and during the entire ride home will be most appreciated.

**First Aid:** Always inform the coach of any injuries.