

Central Arkansas Men's Baseball League Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct was created so that Central Arkansas Men's Baseball League Managers could understand the responsibilities and expectations assumed by organizing and leading a team. The league is an effort to provide a safe and enjoyable competitive experience between participants having adopted the following:

Adult Sports Philosophy

The league exists to allow for enjoyable competition between teams. We can only have such competition if we continue to respect, our opponents (and their teams), officials/umpires/scorekeepers, spectators and facilities. The common courtesies of sportsmanship are the foundations of mutual respect and are mandatory in all Sports leagues.

Such courtesies include, but are not limited to, accepting contentious officiating decisions, giving opponents the benefit of the doubt over accidental, awkward or clumsy challenges, refraining from trash-talk, congratulating opponents and giving credit for high standards of play at the end of each game. These courtesies of sportsmanship are expected of all players, regardless of the intensity and/or level of competition.

Responsibilities & Duties of Managers

1. **Register the team.** You may register via mail or in person.
2. **Submit the roster/waiver on time.** Ensure the roster is completed and legible by every player and received by the deadline. ALL PLAYERS must complete the roster waiver and Code of Conduct before they are eligible to participate in the League. Any team without a roster, waiver and Code of Conduct on file by the league deadline is in jeopardy of forfeit sanctions and/or other disciplinary proceedings.
3. **Know your players' eligibility status.** Only players in good standing will be allowed to participate in the league.
4. **Share league information with your team.** Team managers are the liaison between their team and the League. All league communication should be through the Team Manager. Team Managers are expected to disseminate information to their team.
5. **Know the rules.** Managers are expected to know and adhere to all Rules. Any questions and/or concerns regarding rules should be taken up with the **President**. It is also expected that team managers will inform their team(s) of any league rule changes, announcements, and park or facility rules.
6. **Uphold sanctions.** The team manager is responsible for the conduct of their team and spectators. Team managers are expected to uphold all disciplinary sanctions levied by the league.
7. **Mandate sportsmanship.** You are the example for your team. It is expected that managers will control their team, themselves and spectators from unsportsmanlike behavior.
8. **Have proper uniforms and equipment.** Teams are required to provide their own uniforms and equipment.

Code of Conduct & Ethics

The **Central Arkansas Men's Baseball League** has adopted the following "Code of Conduct". It is expected that managers will support and adhere to this code; and inform his/her team of the code.

For managers:

1. Lead by example by demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to opposing players and team manager.
2. Provide an environment for your team that is free of abusive language.
3. Respect the game and league officials and communicate in an appropriate manner.
4. Be knowledgeable of league rules and regulations and provide this information to players on your team.
5. Encourage your players to play by the league rules and regulations and respect the rights of other players, managers, spectators and officials.
6. Be responsible for your behavior and the behavior of your players and spectators.
7. Be responsible for your players to sign the Team Roster/Waiver prior to your first game.

For players:

1. Respect the game, play fair and follow the rules and regulations set forth by the League.
2. Show respect for authority of the officials, players, fans and facility staff.
3. Demonstrate good sportsmanship before, during and after the game.
4. Be courteous to the opposing team and treat all players and team managers with respect.
5. Respect the use of all facilities.
6. Refrain from use of drugs, and abusive language during league play.
7. Before participating in the league, complete and sign the Roster/Waiver form.

Please refer to the League rules for more specific information regarding conduct and regulations. Improper conduct could result in suspension for one or more games or expulsion the Leagues for individuals or teams.

General Guidelines/Reminders:

Everyone MUST fill out the League Roster/Waiver. An individual who steps on the field who has not signed your roster/waiver is in violation of league rules and has put you and the rest of the players in jeopardy. If an individual participates in a game without having signed the roster and Code of Conduct/Liability release, the game will be considered a forfeit and the player may be suspended by the **President** from the league for the remainder of the year.

Make The League Rules Available To Your Players. We can't make them read it, however with today's electronic resources it is very simple to make the information available. All of the league rules are on-line at <https://centralarkansasbaseball.com/index.php/about/rules/>

Focus On Fun. Remember, this is recreational play. Regardless of the level of competition, sportsmanship is expected. The players will generally follow your leadership. Keep perspective on the game and handle any teammate who can't keep the correct attitude.

Ask For Help When You Need It. Managing a team can be a thankless job. If you need assistance – ask your teammates. It is okay to delegate duties.

Communicate. You need to keep your team informed. In addition to your teammates, try to create a line of open communication with the game officials and the opposing manager. Introduce yourself, shake their hands and respect their decisions. Inform the **President** of issues with fields, teams, officials or anything else pertaining to the league. We cannot be everywhere at once and we encourage communication from the team managers.

Return to League Office

_____ I acknowledge I have read and that I understand each and every one of the above provisions in the code of conduct and agree to abide by them.

Full Name:

Team:

Signature:

Date: