

BELMONT

BASEBALL CLUB INC

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Belmont Baseball Club – Code of Conduct

Belmont Baseball Club is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all players, coaches, officials, volunteers, and spectators. All members represent our club and the Newcastle Baseball Association (NBA) and are expected to uphold the highest standards of behaviour on and off the field.

Belmont Baseball Club requires all players, officials, volunteers, committee members, and supporters to comply with this Code of Conduct and the governing policies of the Newcastle Baseball Association (NBA) and Baseball NSW (BNSW) Baseball Australia.

This Code of Conduct is a condition of membership and applies at all games, training sessions, club events, and when representing the club in any capacity.

1. General Behaviour Expectations

All members must:

- Compete within the rules, spirit, and intent of the game.
- Show respect for teammates, opponents, umpires, coaches, and spectators.
- Never criticise or abuse umpires, players, or spectators verbally, physically, or through gestures.
- Use appropriate and respectful language at all times — indecent or profane language is prohibited while in uniform or representing the club.
- Treat all equipment, facilities, and property with care.
- Avoid any behaviour that risks injury, causes damage, or brings the club into disrepute.
- Use change rooms appropriately and respectfully.
- Follow all directions from coaches, managers, and club officials.

2. Drugs, Alcohol, Smoking & Vaping

Key Behavioural Expectations

- Eating and drinking on the field of play is not permitted. Players may consume food and non-alcoholic beverages in the dugout only.
- There is to be **NO SMOKING OR VAPING** on or around baseball grounds. If you need to partake while at Lumsden or Miller Field, please make your way to Glover Street.

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- There is to be **NO ALCOHOL consumed by players** while participating in a game or in the period leading into their game.
- Any player deemed under the influence of alcohol by an umpire will be disqualified from participating in NBA-controlled games.
- The use of non-prescribed drugs is completely banned. Any medical prescriptions must be issued by a licensed physician.
- Chewing tobacco is prohibited while in uniform.
- Uniform' includes any item displaying Belmont, Club, or Association colours, badges, jackets, or identifiers that imply affiliation with Belmont Baseball Club, the NBA, NSW Country Baseball, or any Club under the control of the NBA.
- On game day, the Coach/Manager is in charge. They must be shown the respect their role deserves. All players are expected to give their full effort, participate as requested, and remain with the team on the bench until the conclusion of the game.

3. Respect & Member Protection

Belmont Baseball Club supports the Member Protection Policy (MPP) endorsed by the Australian Sports Commission. All members have the right to:

- Be treated with dignity and respect
- Participate in an environment free from discrimination, harassment, and abuse

A Member Protection Information Officer (MPIO) is available for confidential support and guidance.

4. Responsibilities of Parents & Spectators

Parents, guardians, and spectators must:

- Encourage positive behaviour and good sportsmanship.
- Respect umpires, coaches, and players at all times.
- Allow coaches to coach and officials to officiate.
- Never engage in abusive, aggressive, or intimidating behaviour.

5. Disciplinary Actions

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Breaches of this Code of Conduct may be reported by umpires, team officials, club officials, or members. Repeated breaches will result in progressively harsher penalties.

In accordance with the Belmont Baseball Club Constitution (Rules 10 & 11):

- The Committee will review alleged breaches.
- The Committee may issue warnings, suspend membership, or expel a member depending on the severity of the breach.
- Members have the right to respond to allegations and may appeal decisions through the process outlined in the Constitution.

The Committee's decisions regarding disciplinary outcomes are final within the club's internal processes.

6. Social Media & Online Conduct

All members, officials, volunteers, and supporters must use social media responsibly and respectfully. This includes (but is not limited to) Facebook, Instagram, WhatsApp, TikTok, Snapchat, X/Twitter, and any online platform connected to the club.

Members must not:

- Post, share, or comment in a way that brings Belmont Baseball Club, the NBA, or Baseball NSW into disrepute.
- Harass, bully, intimidate, or abuse any player, coach, umpire, official, or supporter online.
- Share confidential team information, internal disputes, or private conversations.
- Publish photos or videos of minors without appropriate consent.
- Use club platforms to criticise umpires, opposition teams, or club members.

Clothing & Representation on Social Media

Members must be mindful that wearing Belmont Baseball Club clothing, uniforms, jackets, hoodies, or any item displaying Belmont colours or branding in photos, videos, or online posts represents the club. When wearing Belmont apparel on social media, members must uphold the same standards of behaviour expected when representing the club in person. Posts that include Belmont branding must not contain offensive language, inappropriate behaviour, illegal activity, or anything that may bring the club, the NBA, or Baseball NSW into disrepute.

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Member Acknowledgement

By registering with Belmont Baseball Club, I acknowledge that I have read, understand, and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct and accept the disciplinary processes outlined above. I understand that my acknowledgement submitted through the club's online form will be held on file and may be referenced if required as part of any disciplinary process