



Atlanta MABL CODE OF CONDUCT

1.01 Prohibited Conduct.

Players shall always conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner. No player shall commit the following:

- (a) Lay a hand upon, come in contact with, shove or strike, or threaten an official. Players guilty of such conduct shall be immediately suspended from further participation in the game and shall remain suspended until the Board of Directors concludes their review of the matter. Players guilty of such conduct may be subject to suspension for the remainder of the season or expulsion from the league for life, at the discretion of the Board.
- (b) Refuse to abide by an official's decision. Players guilty of such conduct shall be immediately suspended from further participation in the game and shall remain suspended until the Board of Directors concludes their review of the matter. Players guilty of such conduct may be subject to probation or suspension for the remainder of the season, at the discretion of the Board.
- (c) Be guilty of objectionable demonstrations of dissent at an official's decision. Players guilty of such conduct may be subject to suspension from further participation in the game, subject to Umpire discretion.
- (d) Use unnecessarily rough tactics in the play of the game against the body or person of an opposing player. Players guilty of such conduct shall be immediately suspended from further participation in the game and shall be subject to probation or suspension for the remainder of the season, at the discretion of the Board.
- (e) Be guilty of a physical attack as an aggressor upon any player, manager, official, or spectator, before, during, or after a game. Players guilty of such conduct shall be immediately suspended from further participation in the game and shall remain suspended until the Board of Directors concludes their review of the matter. Players guilty of such conduct shall be subject to suspension for the remainder of the season or expulsion from the league for life, at the discretion of the Board.
- (f) Be guilty of a verbally abusive attack or abusive gesture toward any player, manager, official, or spectator, before, during, or after a game. Players guilty of such conduct shall be immediately suspended from further participation in the game and shall remain suspended until the Board of Directors concludes their review of the matter. Players guilty of such conduct shall be subject to suspension for the remainder of the season, at the discretion of the Board.
- (g) Any manager who misappropriates team funds will be banned from league for no less than 5 years and banned indefinitely from ever managing a team. This could also lead to arrest and prosecution.

(h) Smoking on premises. Players guilty of such conduct shall be immediately suspended from further participation in the game.

(H) Any team/player caught with or using illegal drugs at any facility leased by the Atlanta MABL will be banned from the league. Any fan caught with illegal drugs will be asked to leave. If they refuse the police will be called. The game or even the season could be forfeited. **Zero Tolerance** .

(I) Posting of negative comments, audio or video on social media sites, team websites, publications etc. about the Atlanta MABL or its members will result in an automatic suspension or banishment.

(J) Any team/player caught with alcohol at any facility leased by the Atlanta MABL will be suspended no less than 5 games. Second offense will be banishment. Any fan caught with alcohol will be asked to leave. If they refuse the police will be called and game will be forfeited. **Zero Tolerance**.

1.02 Penalties.

(a) The Board of Directors may, by vote of the majority of the directors, suspend any player or manager for such a period and upon such terms as it may propose, for the conduct within its opinion is prejudicial to the welfare, interest, reputation, or character of the league.

(b) The Board of Directors shall determine the appropriate action required for violations of the codes of conduct, and shall report their decision to the league commissioner, player and their manager.

(c) A player found in violation of any provision delineated in the codes of conduct, after being placed on probation for the remainder of the season shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.

(d) Any player found in violation of any provisions delineated in the codes of conduct, after being suspended from further participation in a game shall be suspended for the remainder of the season.

(e) For serious offenses involving multiple game suspensions, player penalties are subject to the MABL umbrella where the Board may apply suspensions across all age divisions. Under this umbrella policy, a player will not be able to play in another age division until the original penalty is served.

(f) Any player who is ejected from a game will receive an automatic suspension as outlined in the schedule below. This penalty is effective beginning with the very next scheduled game. Regular season and post-season will be considered as the same season. Suspensions can carry over from one year to the next.

(1) EXCEPTION: If the player designated at the beginning of the season as the team manager is ejected from a game due to his actions as a manager rather than a player (such as questioning a call on the field), there will be no automatic game suspension. However, the league reserves the right to introduce a suspension or expulsion on the basis of further review.

Seasonal Ejections Game(s)

1st ejection warning or 1 game suspension- 2nd ejection 2 games - 3rd ejection suspended for remainder of season, including playoffs.

Any player who participates in a league game while under automatic suspension will be subject to additional penalties, and his team will be stripped of any wins gained during the use of an ineligible

player. See **1.02 Penalties (h)**

Manager of ejected player must notify the Commissioner with the player's name who has been ejected. Failure of manager to notify could be subject to additional penalties.

(g) Any manager caught using unregistered players in any game will be suspended no less than 3 games first offense. Second offense the manager will be suspended for rest of season and may be removed as team manager. Unregistered player is a player who has not completed a league waiver.

(h) Any manager caught using an unregistered or unqualified player in the playoff or in a national sanctioned tournament will not only forfeit the playoff series and tournament, but the manager will also be suspended from the league and from participating in any tournaments for no less than 5 years. If the team is sponsored by a member of team, the sponsor could also face sanctions.

1.03 Grievances, Protests, and Appeals.

(a) Grievances may be filed by an individual player or by the manager of a team provided that a grievance is formally submitted to the Board of Directors in writing. The league commissioner shall adjudicate all such grievances and shall report any action taken to the Board of Directors.

(b) An appeal of any ruling may be filed in writing with the Board of Directors by an individual player or by the manager, provided that the appeal is formally submitted.

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