



# Baseball Victoria

## UMPIRE CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

In addition to the Baseball Victoria (BV) General Code of Behaviour, officials must meet the following requirements regarding conduct during any activity held or sanctioned by BV, a member association, or an affiliated club.

1. Place the safety and welfare of players and participants above all else.
2. Accept responsibility for all actions.
3. Be impartial.
4. Avoid any situation which may lead to a conflict of interest.
5. Be courteous, respectful, and open to discussion and interaction.
6. Value the individual in sport.

### UMPIRE'S CODE OF CONDUCT:

The BV Umpire Code of Conduct has been developed for all umpires participating in competitions managed by BV, a member association, or affiliated club.

1. Officiate by the competition conditions and rules and the mechanics taught in the Umpire Development program.
2. Do not verbally abuse players, managers, coaches, other officials or spectators.
3. Control your temper – no criticism by words or gestures.
4. Cooperate with instructors, coordinators and fellow umpires.
5. Show respect for participants and their skills.
6. The use of any kind of drugs, with the exception of those prescribed by a licensed physician, are prohibited.
7. Refrain from profanity at all times.
8. Be friendly to all participants.
9. Do not use any form of tobacco or alcohol of any description on the field, or while in uniform.
10. Do not participate in any activity likely to result in loss or wilful damage to private property, or to cause disturbance.
11. Smoking is not permitted in rooms at tournaments, seminars, schools and on or around a Baseball field.
12. Make no comment to the media or partake in media interviews unless you have approval from the BV.
13. Do not wear jewellery (eg, earrings or studs).
14. No eating on the Baseball field and limit drink to water or soft drink.
15. Report all injuries to an instructor or coordinator and schedule proper treatment with the physiotherapist if necessary.
16. Do not fraternise with team personnel other than at official functions without approval of the coordinator.
17. Be prompt to meetings, training sessions and games.
18. Dress in uniformity and sharpness in proper on-field dress to games and seminars.
19. Dress in proper off-field walkout dress as designated for flights and functions.
20. Refrain from the use of any form of tobacco or alcohol of any description whilst in walkout dress.
21. With the exception of official functions, do not wear clothing containing the BV's logo or insignia in licensed premises.
22. Take responsibility of maintaining personal hygiene, including taking a shower after each game or practice.
23. Clean and maintaining your equipment.
24. Observe and implement the Infectious Diseases policy.

Umpire Signature			
Umpire Name		Date	