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1. Team Conduct & Discipline

1.1. Team Conduct

While at any tournament or game play conducted by Baseball NL or its affiliate leagues, the team and all players, coaches, managers and team personnel must conduct itself in a manner that is in the best interest of baseball in our province.

a) Teams that cause vandalism or other intentional damage to properties may be subject to further discipline from the BNL Executive.

b) In the case of minor division teams, the adults involved with the team (general manager and coaches) shall be held responsible for the team's actions.

1.2. Umpire Conduct

Umpires must also conduct themselves in a manner that is in the best interest of baseball in our Province. Umpires who fail to do so shall be disciplined by BNL according to its discipline policy.

1.3. In game conduct by players, coach, personnel

All participants in a game are to conduct themselves with respect at all times. All players, coaches, officials are participating in sport for enjoyment and a positive experience. No one wants to get hurt and no one wishes to be subjected to abuse.

Abuse of any kind towards opponents or officials is not to be tolerated. Below are principles, guidelines and actions that are to be followed in order to assist in creating a positive playing experience for all involved. Also provided is a grid that summarizes many types of behaviour and their related penalties/consequences.

- A. Use of racist, homophobic, sexist, misogynist or other hate language is not permitted. In addition to the penalties outlined below, cultural and inclusive education will be required.
 - 1st violation shall result in immediate ejection and a 5 game suspension
 - 2nd violation shall result in immediate ejection and a 10 game suspension
 - 3rd violation shall result in immediate ejection and a suspension of (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.

- B. No coach or bench player acting as a coach may leave the bench/dugout, the first or third base coaches box to argue a call or interact with the umpire.
 - If a coach wishes to ask a question or seek clarification of a call **they MUST first** seek permission from the umpire to do so.
 - 1st violation shall result in immediate ejection **and** a 1 game suspension
 - 2nd violation shall result in immediate ejection and a 5 game suspension
 - 3rd violation shall result in immediate ejection and a 10 game suspension



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- C. There is to be no use of profanity or personal attacks/insults when speaking with an umpire. No abusive or threatening language/behaviour is to be directed at an umpire.
- 1st violation shall result in immediate ejection and a 3 game suspension
 - 2nd violation shall result in immediate ejection and a 6 game suspension
 - 3rd violation shall result in immediate ejection and a 10 game suspension
 - Subsequent violations will result in a suspension of (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.
- D. Aggressive actions or words such as leaving your position and running towards the umpire, yelling, gesturing in opposition to a call is not permitted. Immediate ejection will be the penalty. If upon ejection the person does not leave and/or any language/behaviour/abuse continues, the result will be an additional game suspension (and may, as per the grid below, result in further suspension).
- E. Once ejected, the person is to leave the field immediately. If upon ejection the person does not leave the field and/or any language/behaviour/abuse ensues/continues, the result will be an additional game suspension (and may, as per the grid below, result in further suspension).
- F. Once ejected, no player or any other personnel may leave the dugout or enter the playing field for any reason other than to leave the field. Failure to do so will result in an additional game suspension (and may, as per the grid below, result in further suspension).
- G. Arguing balls and strikes is not permitted. Ejection may be immediate. If warned, any further arguing will result in immediate ejection. If upon ejection any language/behaviour/abuse continues, the result will be an additional game suspension (and may, as per the grid below, result in further suspension).
- H. Any physical contact with an umpire is not permitted. Immediate ejection and a 6 (or 15) game suspension will be the penalty. See the grid for details.



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1.4. Discipline Grid

Type of Offense	1 st Offence	2 nd Offence	3 rd Offence
Use of racist, homophobic, sexist, misogynist or other hate language. In addition to the penalties outlined, appropriate apologies and corrective measures will be required.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next 5 games the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next ten (10) games the team plays.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Interactions with Officials No coach or bench player acting as a coach may leave the bench/dugout, the first or third base coaches box to argue a call or interact with the umpire. If a coach wishes to ask a question or seek clarification of a call they MUST first seek permission from the umpire to do so.	Ejection plus the next game (1) the team plays. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next ten (10) games the team plays.
Routine ejections: Once a decision is rendered, explanation provided or questions answered and there is prolonged arguing, inappropriate comments/gestures that then results in an ejection.	Ejection from current game	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays. Subsequent violations = 6, 10 games respectfully
Prolonged arguing or abuse/profanity <i>after</i> point of ejection	Ejection plus the next game (1) the team plays. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection plus an additional three (3) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	An additional six(6) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.
Personal attacks/insults or use of profanity directed at officials	Ejection plus the next 3 games the team plays. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next six (6) games the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next ten (10) games the team plays.
After an ejection, continues to call out, yell, express displeasure towards umpires in any way from outside the playing field	An additional 5 games the team plays. Additional penalties may apply.	An additional 10 games the team plays.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.



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Not leaving the dugout/field of play after ejection. If a player coach or other personnel enters the playing field for any reason other than to leave the field.	Player / Coach/ Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection plus the next game (1) the team plays. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection plus an additional three (3) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	An additional six (6) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.
Having to be restrained from confronting umpire / player	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game, plus plus the next three (3) games the team plays. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next six (6) games the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next ten (10) games the team plays.
Threatening an umpire, before, during or after a game. (I.E. (but not limited to)) "I will get you after the game", "see you in the parking lot", "You'll get yours")	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next fifteen (15) games the team plays. Additional penalties may apply.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Throwing equipment / debris in umpires direction	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next ten (10) games the team plays.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Throwing equipment / debris in umpires direction and contact is made	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game, plus the next 5 games the team plays.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.	
Contacting an umpire (intentionally or by accident) non violent	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game, plus the next six (6) games the team plays.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.	Suspended for five (5) Calendar years from date of second offense.



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Contacting an umpire (Physical contact by bumping, pushing, tripping, punching, shoving, spitting on, or striking an umpire with equipment / debris)	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game, plus the next fifteen (15) games the team plays.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.	Suspended indefinitely
Intentional throwing at batter in the head area (no Warnings Issued)	Pitcher	Ejection from the current game, plus application of intent to injury Penalty. (Five (5) games)	Ejection from the current game, plus next five (5) games scheduled, plus application of intent to injury Penalty. (Ten (10) games)	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Intentional throwing at batter in the head area (no Warnings Issued)	Head Coach / Manager	Ejection from current game	Ejection from current game	Ejection from current game
Intentional throwing at batter in the head area (Warnings Issued)	Pitcher	Ejection from the current game, plus application of intent to injury Penalty. (Five (5) games)	Ejection from the current game, plus next five (5) games scheduled, plus application of intent to injury Penalty. (Ten (10) games)	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Intentional throwing at batter in the head area (Warnings Issued)	Head Coach / Manager	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Intentional throwing at batter (No Warnings Issued)	Pitcher	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games scheduled. Intent to injury penalty may apply in this situation.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games scheduled. Intent to injury penalty may apply in this situation.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.



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Intentional throwing at batter (No Warnings Issued)	Head Coach / Manager	Ejection from current game	Ejection from current game	Ejection from current game
Intentional throwing at batter (Warnings Issued)	Pitcher	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games scheduled. Intent to injury penalty may apply in this situation.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games scheduled. Intent to injury penalty may apply in this situation.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Intentional throwing at batter (Warnings Issued)	Head Coach / Manager	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Charging the mound (not fighting)	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from the Current game, plus the next game the team plays. Penalty for Actions causing benches to empty may apply.	Ejection from the Current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays. Penalty for Actions causing benches to empty may apply.	Ejection from the Current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays. Penalty for Actions causing benches to empty may apply.
Charging the mound (fighting)	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays. Penalties for actions causing the benches to empty and / or aggressive fighting - intent to injure may apply)	Ejection from the current game, plus the next ten (10) games the team plays. Penalties for actions causing the benches to empty and/ or aggressive fighting - intent to injure may apply)	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Fighting (shoving or fighting)	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays. Penalties for actions causing the benches to empty and / or aggressive fighting - intent to injure may apply)	Ejection from the current game, plus the next ten (10) games the team plays. Penalties for actions causing the benches to empty and/ or aggressive fighting - intent to injure may apply)	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.



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Fighting (aggressive fighting - intent to injure)	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Five (5) game Suspension in addition to any other penalties assessed.	Ten (10) game Suspension in addition to any other penalties assessed.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Intent to injure	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Five (5) game Suspension in addition to any other penalties assessed.	Ten (10) game Suspension in addition to any other penalties assessed.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Throwing equipment / debris in reaction to ejection or in opponents Direction	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.	Ten (10) game Suspension in addition to any other penalties assessed.
Actions causing benches to empty	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Three (3) game Suspension in addition to any other penalties assessed.	Five (5) game Suspension in addition to any other penalties assessed.	Ten (10) game Suspension in addition to any other penalties assessed.
Actions during bench clearing (not physical Violence)	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.	Ten (10) game Suspension in addition to any other penalties assessed.
Actions during bench clearing (physical Violence)	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays. Penalties for actions causing the benches to empty and / or aggressive fighting - intent to injure may apply)	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays. Penalties for actions causing the benches to empty and / or aggressive fighting - intent to injure may apply)	Ejection from the current game, plus the next ten (10) game Suspension. Penalties for actions causing the benches to empty and / or aggressive fighting - intent to injure may apply)
Leaving position to participate in a fight	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays. Penalties for actions causing the benches to empty and / or aggressive fighting - intent to injure may apply)	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays. Penalties for actions causing the benches to empty and / or aggressive fighting - intent to injure may apply)	Ejection from the current game, plus the next ten (10) game Suspension. Penalties for actions causing the benches to empty and / or aggressive fighting - intent to injure may apply)



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Violently throwing equipment	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next ten (10) games the team plays.
Verbal abuse / bench jockeying - Actions words directed or in directed towards an opponent or umpire for the purposes of (Not limited to) embarrassment, bullying, taunting and baiting	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from current game	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.
Verbal abuse / bench jockeying - Actions words directed or in directed towards an opponent or umpire for the purposes of (Not limited to) embarrassment, bullying, taunting and baiting (Warnings issued)	Head Coach / Manager	Ejection from current game	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.
Verbal Abuse - balls / strikes / safe / out / balks	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from current game	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.
Threatening an opponent , before, during or after a game. (I.E. ((not limited to)) "I will get you after the game", "see you in the parking lot", "You'll get yours")	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next fifteen (15) games the team plays. Additional penalties may apply.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.



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Threatening an spectator before, during or after a game. (I.E. ((not limited to)) "I will get you after the game", "see you in the parking lot", "You'll get yours")	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays. Additional penalties may apply.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next fifteen (15) games the team plays. Additional penalties may apply.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Returning to playing field / dugout after an ejection	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	An additional one (1) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	An additional Five (5) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Returning to playing field / dugout after an ejection - participation in fight or bench clear	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	An additional three (3) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	An additional five (5) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Causing a forfeit game	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	An additional one (1) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	An additional one (1) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.	An additional one (1) game suspension to be added to any other penalties assessed.
Contact rule (Non Intent to Injure)	Player	Ejection from the current game	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays.
Contact rule (Intent to injure)	Player	Ejection from the current game, plus application of intent to injury Penalty. (Five (5) games)	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games schedule and application of Intent to injury Penalty. (Three (3) games second offense + five (5) games intent to injure)	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.



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Ejection for tobacco use (includes smokeless and e-cigarettes)	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays.
Ejection for alcohol during a game.	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays.
Throwing equipment/debris onto field from dugout	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game, plus the next three (3) games the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Use of altered bat	Player	Ejection from the current game.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next one (1) game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.
Foreign substance / doctored baseball	Player	Ejection from the current game.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next one (1) game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.
Team playing an ineligible player, Suspended or player not on official roster	Team	Loss of game and removal of any medals from team	Loss of game and removal of any medals from team.	
Team playing an ineligible player, Suspended or player not on official roster	Head Coach / Manager	Two (2) game suspension	Ejection for one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.	
Displaying bad sportsmanship (not specifically covered by this policy)	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	Ejection from the current game, plus the next game the team plays.	Ejection from the current game, plus the next five (5) games the team plays.	Suspended one (1) Calendar year from the first day of ejection.
Type of Offense	Offender	2 different categories	3 categories	More than 3 different Categories and each subsequent offence
Repeat occurrences spread over different categories as identified as above	Player / Coach / Manager or Team Personnel	1 game suspension	3 game suspension	6 game suspension



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1.4.1. Sanction Information

6.3.1.1 All penalties to take effect immediately.

6.3.1.2 All penalized persons have the right to appeal through BNL.

6.3.1.3 All penalties are considered per season except for those otherwise stated.

6.3.1.4 Any suspension issued and not served in the playing year will be held over until the following season. It is the responsibility of the team's coach to make sure all suspensions are enforced. A record of all games played after the suspension is announced must be made available to BNL on request.

6.3.1.5 BNL reserves the right to indefinitely suspend members should the incident or infraction in question be deemed to be of a serious nature or directly violate Safe Sport principles. Such suspensions shall remain indefinite until a final sanction is determined. Indefinite suspensions shall remain in place during the Appeals process.

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