



WMBA Policies/Procedures

History

The West Mountain Baseball Association was formed in 1980 and was preceded by the Brown's Park Community Sport Council. WMBA is a member of the Hamilton District Baseball Association (HDBA) and in turn a part of Baseball Ontario.

Aims

The West Mountain Baseball Association aims to teach good sportsmanship and fair play regardless of winning or losing.

The Association Executive demands that all convenors, coaches, parents, spectators, and players are aware that the welfare of the child (player) and his/her teammates is the most important concern during team selection, playing of games, and arbitrating of disputes.

Behavior

In the spirit of good sportsmanship, we do not tolerate any type of intimidation of umpires, coaches, or players

Convenors, coaches, parents, spectators, and players are expected to conduct themselves in an exemplary fashion while at the ball park.

Cheering is an important part of sport, good cheering with enthusiasm is welcome. All participants, parents, and spectators are encouraged to cheer on the players at all times.

Jeering is unwelcome and not to be tolerated at any time.

Registration

Registration and payment indicates that both the player and his/her parent(s) and/or guardian(s) agree to abide by the rules and policies of all governing bodies (WMBA, HDBA, and Baseball Ontario).

No child will be refused the right to play with West Mountain Baseball at the House League level assuming that their registration and fees have been submitted prior to the registration cut off date, and they live within the WMBA boundary area as defined by the HDBA. WMBA reserves the right to refuse "out of area" players.

Anyone registering after the registration cut off date will be subject to the availability of teams on a first come first serve basis.



Each player must provide a copy of his/her Birth Certificate for the league files on his/her initial registration. Passports, Baptismal certificates, and Government documents may also be acceptable for out of province births.

Players will register in the appropriate division based on their birth date. Any exceptions to birth year registration are to be evaluated on a case by case basis by the executive.

Player Development

As well as good sportsmanship, WMBA intends to teach players the fundamentals of the game. All players should be exposed to different positions, both infield and outfield during the regular season.

Fund Raisers

Although fundraising is an important and necessary part of youth sports, no player, coach, or team is to participate in any un-approved fundraising. Any fundraising activities are to be approved by the WMBA board of directors.

Select Program

Select baseball allows house league players from Rookie Ball to Midget an opportunity to play a more competitive brand of baseball against other Select teams from other associations in cities across Ontario at an affordable cost.

WMBA Select teams are chosen through open tryouts. All house league players are welcome to try out. Select players are governed by the same basic policies and age limits as house league with the exception playing rules. Playing rules are dictated by the league the team plays within (ex, SOBA, OBA).

The WMBA Select Convenor will oversee all aspects of all WMBA Select teams.

Select teams will play exhibition games and tournaments during the summer. House league play takes precedence and as such all Select activities including practices, exhibition games and tournament play will be managed to ensure players are available to participate with their house league team's schedule.

Players are expected to wear their WMBA Select uniforms only for Select events, and to wear their House League uniforms for all House League events.