



BC Amateur Baseball Association

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Substances Policy

(1.0) Introduction

Baseball BC believes in fostering a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for participants. Substances are detrimental to the health and welfare of participants and have no place in baseball. The purpose of this policy is to set expectations for the use and possession of substances at events directly sanctioned by Baseball BC.

Performance enhancing drugs are outside the scope of this policy and are dealt with in a separate policy.

(2.0) Definitions

Substances are defined as:

- Tobacco products including cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, cigarillos, dissolvable products, smokeless tobacco, and waterpipes.
- Alcohol
- Electronic cigarettes
- Vaping products
- Cannabis and associated products
- Illegal drugs

A 'baseball setting' is defined as any place where athletes participate in baseball activities.

'Close proximity to a baseball setting' is defined as being in any location where one can be seen by participants, including spectators, at a baseball setting.

'Possession' is defined as having physical control of a substance, including but not limited to, when a substance in a clothing pocket or bag.

'Visible possession' is defined as having physical control of a substance **and** the substance itself is visible to others.



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(3.0) Minor Athletes

Minor athletes are prohibited from using, being under the influence of, or having in their possession, any of the substances defined in section 2.0 of this policy, at any Baseball BC sanctioned event.

Minor athletes found to be in violation of this policy should be removed from the event and returned to the care of their parents/guardians. During game play, the athlete is ejected. Athletes found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions.

(4.0) Adults

(4.1) Coaches

Coaches have a responsibility to role model a healthy lifestyle and compliance with this policy. While in close proximity to a baseball setting, when athletes are present, coaches are prohibited from using, being under the influence of, or being in visible possession of any substance, defined in section 2.0 of this policy, which is legal under the law. Such substances may not be stored on the coach's person and must remain out of sight.

Coaches are prohibited from possessing any of the substances defined in section 2.0 of this policy, which are illegal under the law.

Coaches found to be in violation of this policy should be removed from the event. During game play, the coach is ejected. Coaches found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions.

(4.2) Adult Athletes

While actively participating in a Baseball BC event, adult athletes are prohibited from using, being under the influence of, or being in visible possession of any substance, defined in section 2.0 of this policy, which is legal under the law.

Adult athletes are prohibited from possessing any of the substances defined in section 2.0 of this policy, which are illegal under the law.



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Adult athletes found to be in violation of this policy should be removed from the event. During game play, the adult athlete is ejected. Adult athletes found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions.

(4.3) Baseball BC Staff, Employees, and Volunteer Members of the Board of Directors

Staff, employees, and volunteer members of the Board of Directors are subject to the expectations contained in section 4.1 of this document. Individuals found to be in violation of this policy shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions, either through the discipline process or the terms of their employment contract.

(4.4) Spectators

Spectators may only use substances, as described in section 2.0 of this document, when in compliance with all municipal and provincial laws. Substances may never be used near athletes. A spectator who fails to comply with this policy should be asked to leave the park, may be subject to disciplinary sanctions, and/or referred to the appropriate authorities.

(5.0) Coach Responsibility to Supervise Minor Athletes

Coaches of minor athletes are responsible for creating a substance free culture within their team and for educating athletes on this policy.

Coaches have a responsibility to supervise the athletes in their care and to ensure their athletes are compliant with this policy at all Baseball BC events, including all team travel. When a coach discovers an athlete to be in violation of this policy, the coach is expected to remove the athlete from participating in the event, return the athlete to the care of their parents/guardians, and report the matter to the chief executive officer. Coaches who fail to respond to athlete substance use, per the expectations of this policy, will be subject to disciplinary sanctions.

Any coach who is found to have provided a minor athlete with any of the substances described in section 2.0 of this document, shall be suspended for a minimum of one year and may be referred to the RCMP or local police, as required.