

Code of Conduct for BSL players, team officials and fans at BSL Games

The aims and objectives of the BSL are reasonably clear. Nevertheless they are either being misunderstood or ignored. The aims and objectives of this league are non-negotiable. Therefore it is necessary to expand them to a Code of Conduct. Each Convenor shall be responsible for ensuring each of his players is provided with a copy of this Code of Conduct.

1. Foul language on the field is unacceptable; it ignites tempers and leads to conflict. PLEASE REFRAIN.

2. Foul language, threatening behavior at or from the sidelines is unacceptable. The team Convenor will be held accountable for the actions and words of those players on the bench and ESPECIALLY for the team's fans demonstrating unacceptable and anti-social behavior before, during and after a game.

3. The Team Captain, Manager or Convenor will ensure that there is no alcohol consumed at our playing fields before, during or especially in the parking lots after our games. We are renting City property and are bound by the by-laws of the jurisdiction that we are playing in, one of which is a ban on drinking alcohol at these facilities. Breach of this by-law may result in the forfeiture of future field permits.

4. The team Captain will identify himself to the referee at the coin toss. The team captain must be respected and responsible enough to calm down irate players and should proactively attempt to defuse heated situations.

5. Players must demonstrate restraint and respect for the decisions of the officials, whether you like it or not. They are in the control position during a game. If tension continues to rise during BSL matches, we will continue to see officials REFUSING TO ACCEPT OUR GAMES. If availability of referees continues to be a growing issue, then we will simply cut back the number of games to match the number of referees.

6. If you have a complaint or protest to register about an official, put it in writing to the executive of the BSL. DO NOT TAKE IT UP WITH THE OFFICIALS DURING OR AFTER A GAME.

7. The team captain should assert his position within the team that only he will approach the referee and request explanations of unclear decisions.

8. DO NOT TAKE IT UPON YOURSELF TO PHONE THE REFEREE CONVENOR FOR ANY REASON.

9. SPORTSMANSHIP - Look this up in the dictionary, it is a principal objective of this league and persistent unsportsmanlike behavior can result in either a team or an individual being thrown out of this league. Ensure your fans know the meaning of this word. I am certain that disenfranchisement from this league with no refund would be especially untenable if it were as a result of the actions of your fans. It is not difficult to practice sportsmanlike behavior on the field.

The BSL has been around for over 30 years and has a fine reputation in this region. Repeated unsportsmanlike behavior will be dealt with increasingly harshly.