



## MEMO – WRITTEN WARNING

**To:** All Lakeland Minor Ball League Associations

**From:** Chris Moser, President

**cc:** Lakeland Minor Ball League Board of Directors

**Date:** June 5, 2024

**Re:** Written Warning to All Teams – Discipline Policy for Infractions

During this 2024 Lakeland Minor Ball season, the League and Association volunteers have had more concerns, letters, texts, phone calls from various incidents concerning unsportsmanlike behaviors than before. These intolerable behaviors have been displayed by several Association's teams, coaches, managers, parents, players, and umpires. This is a formal written warning to all Associations that all members will be subject to sanctions for engaging in the following behaviors:

- ✓ Not complying with the rules, regulations or policies of Baseball Alberta, as adopted and amended from time to time;
- ✓ Deliberately disregarding the Rules of Baseball as amended from time to time;
- ✓ Verbally or physically abusing an opponent, officials, umpires, spectators or sponsors;
- ✓ Showing disrespect to officials, including the use of foul language and obscene or offensive gestures;
- ✓ Abusing playing equipment or playing area;
- ✓ Failing to comply with the conditions of entry of an event including any rules with regard to eligibility or advertising;
- ✓ Failing to be available to meet reasonable requests for interviews by the media;
- ✓ Using tobacco products on-field at any Baseball Alberta sanctioned competition;
- ✓ Any other unreasonable conduct which brings the game into disrepute, including but not limited to, abusive use of alcohol, non-medical use of drugs, use of alcohol by minors.

The Lakeland Minor Ball board is on the verge of cancelling the League Finals this year and any teams which are involved in any infractions during the month of June will be ineligible to play in the 2024 League Finals and will also be subjected to detailed review of participants for entry into the 2025 season. This conflictive and disruptive behavior cannot and will not continue in this Minor Ball League.

Please show Respect in Sport! Be a role model for your children, grandchildren, and community – people are watching.