

Program: "Point Respect"

Mission:

To encourage interaction and whistleblowing among team members, including players, coaches and fans (parents, family, friends, etc.), in order to eliminate at the source inappropriate behavior and comments towards baseball officials in the Lac St. Louis Region.

Operation:

Introduction of a "Point Respect" concept. At the end of a game, the officials, including referees, scorekeepers and game supervisor when applicable in the regionals, will determine together, based on the behaviors and comments of both teams, before, during and immediately after a game, whether or not each team deserves to keep its "Respect Point".

If the "Respect Point" is retained, the team will continue as normal.

If the "Respect Point" is lost, it will be recorded on the official score sheet, with a brief explanation of the reasons for the loss of the "Respect Point", which will be forwarded to the League or Region, and sanctions will be applied to the offending team in its next game.

Applicable during the regular season (in all leagues within the Lac St-Louis Region, therefore excluding teams playing in the women's league), and during the Lac St-Louis regional championships.

Applicable to U9A, U11B, U11A, U13B, U13A, U15B, U15A, U18B and U18A level.

This could result in the loss of a "Respect Point" automatically:

An ejection of a player or a coach following a bad behavior towards the officials automatically results in the loss of the "Respect Point" for his team.

Insults from anyone (player, coach, spectator) near the baseball field directed at an official.

This could cause the officials to lose a "Respect Point":

Whether repeated or not: warnings given to members, unpleasant or derogatory comments, disgraceful gestures, and any other prescribed behavior, which are directed against the officials. These prescribed behaviours are in particular with regard to Section H - Discipline, of Baseball Quebec's rules and regulations, whether or not there has been an expulsion on the facts.

Sanctions:

In the next game, the offending team will start some innings defensively with runners at 1^{er} and 2^e base for the opposing team, all according to the principle of QB 43.15 (see details below).

1^{er} run lost: the 1^{ère} inning with runners at 1^{er} and 2^e base

2^e runs lost: the first 2 innings defensively with runners at 1^{er} and 2^e base

3^e runs lost: the first 2 innings defensively with runners at 1^{er} and 2^e base

4^e runs lost: first 3 innings defensively with runners at 1^{er} and 2^e base and automatic suspension of the head coach for 1 game

For any extra run lost, it will always be the first 3 innings defensively with runners at 1^{er} and 2^e base and adding 2 additional games of automatic suspension to the head coach per run lost. Ex: 6 runs lost = 5 games suspension.

Regional Championships:

If in the same season, a team loses 4 or more "Respect Points" cumulatively, whether in the regular season and/or in the regional championships, the sanctions provided for will be applicable for all remaining games of the regional championship (including the semi-final and final games).

Ex. #1: 3 points lost during the regular season, therefore no sanction for the 1^{er} game of the regionals. However, if you lose 1 point in the 1^{er} game of the regionals, the sanctions will apply for all the other games of the regionals because now lost 4 points or more.

Ex. #2: 2 points lost during the regular season, therefore no sanctions to start the regionals. If the team loses its point during its 1^{er} game of the regionals, it will start its

2^e game with the sanctions. If the team does not lose its point during this 2^e game, it will start the 3^e game without any sanction (because cumulatively, it lost only 3 points). If the team loses its point during the 3^e match (so cumulatively 4 points lost), there will be sanctions for all the next matches of the regionals, including semi-finals and finals.)

Register:

The League or Region shall keep a record of lost "Respect Points", and shall notify the teams and associations involved when a "Respect Point" has been lost, as well as the opposing team and the local association officials who will be involved in the next game, so that the team may benefit from the penalty of its opponent losing its "Respect Point".

BQ 43.15 amended for this program:

The following procedure will be used at the start of the innings following the loss of a "Respect Point" by a team at fault in its previous game:

- a) The offending team's opposing team will start the first innings with a runner at 1st and 2nd and no outs (number of innings depends on the penalty).
- b) The batting order for the 1st inning will be the team's regular batting order for that game. The runner from 1^{er} base will be the last batter in the line-up and the runner from 2^e base will be the batter before the last batter in the line-up.
- c) The batting order for the remaining innings will be determined by the end of the previous inning (see the following example to confirm who is batting and on base).

With the exception of runners on base to start the inning, all other official rules of play remain in effect throughout these innings. At the start of the inning in which the penalties are over, there are no runners on base to start the inning, and the batting order continues as per the end of the previous inning.

Example: The 6th batter had the last at bat in the 1st inning. The 2^e inning would then begin with the 7th batter at bat, the 5th batter at 2nd base and the 6th batter at 1st base.

"Let's all work together to respect our officials, and make them want to come back the next year!!!"

