CANES BASEBALL – PLAYER CODE OF CONDUCT

Where Grit Grows.

Being a Canes player is a privilege, not a right. Every player is expected to represent the organization with character, integrity, and professionalism on and off the field. The following standards apply throughout the entire season.

1. Respect

• Treat coaches, teammates, opponents, officials, facility staff, parents, and spectators with respect at all times.

• Listen when coaches are speaking.

• Accept coaching with a positive attitude.

• Never argue with umpires or opposing coaches.

• Support your teammates regardless of performance.

• Represent the Canes organization with class.

• Disrespectful behavior, arguing, eye-rolling, backtalk, or negative body language toward coaches or teammates will not be tolerated.

2. Language & Sportsmanship

• Communicate in a mature and respectful manner.

• No excessive foul or vulgar language.

• No racist, discriminatory, or derogatory comments.

• No bullying, hazing, or harassment.

• Win with humility. Lose with class.

• Your attitude matters just as much as your talent.

3. Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs & Vaping

• Canes Baseball maintains a zero-tolerance policy regarding alcohol, illegal drugs, marijuana, vaping, tobacco products, and performance-enhancing drugs.

• Any player found using, possessing, distributing, or attending team activities under the influence may face immediate suspension or dismissal.

4. Commitment

• Attend all practices, games, workouts, and team events unless excused.

• Notify coaches early if an absence is unavoidable.

• Arrive 15–20 minutes early and ready.

• Repeated lateness, missed practices, or lack of communication may reduce playing opportunities.

5. Work Ethic

• Give maximum effort every day.

• Hustle on and off the field.

• Finish every drill.

• Be coachable.

• Encourage teammates.

• Take ownership of your development.

• Talent may earn opportunities—but effort earns trust.

6. Accountability

• Accept responsibility.

• Learn from failure.

• Respond positively to adversity.

• Focus on improving rather than blaming others.

7. Social Media & Public Conduct

• Represent Canes wherever you go.

• Do not post inappropriate or offensive content.

• Do not bully or attack others online.

• Do not damage the reputation of teammates, coaches, officials, or the organization.

• Think before you post.

8. Equipment & Facilities

• Take care of team equipment and facilities.

• Clean up after yourself.

• Return borrowed equipment.

• Wear uniforms properly.

• Leave every field better than you found it.

9. Playing Time

• Playing time is earned—not guaranteed.

• Attendance, work ethic, preparation, attitude, coachability, team-first mentality, and performance all factor into playing time decisions.

10. Team Culture

• Put the team before yourself.

• Celebrate teammates' success.

• Be dependable.

• Compete with toughness.

• Demonstrate humility.

• Lead through your actions.

Consequences

• Violations may result in verbal warnings, meetings with players and parents, loss of playing time, suspension, removal from team travel, or dismissal from the organization. Coaching staff reserves the right to determine appropriate discipline based on severity and frequency.

Canes Standards

• Be Early.

• Be Coachable.

• Compete Every Pitch.

- Control What You Can Control.
- Never Embarrass Your Family or Team.
- Respect Everyone.
- Leave Things Better Than You Found Them.
- Earn Everything.
- Win with Humility. Lose with Dignity.
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