

MBA Managers

First and foremost, thanks to the many volunteers... Managers, Assistant Coaches, Team Parents and Staff. As the season gets off to a nice start, we are pleased to report that for the most part, the volunteers, parents, players, and staff are conducting themselves in a positive manner.

Please read the following and keep this in mind for the rest of the season:

“I will be responsible for creating a positive environment of learning, fun and teamwork.”

“I will remember that I am a youth baseball coach and that the game is for children and not for adults.”

“I will be knowledgeable of the MBA ground rules and I will teach them to my team and ensure that the rules are enforced.”

“I will lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.”

“I will do my best to provide practices that are fun and challenging for all of my players.”

“I will arrive early to practices and games and will not leave players unattended after games or practices.”

“I will advise parents and/or guardians of the players on my team to be timely and responsible in dropping off and picking up their children and to inform me of any drop off / pick up issues for all practices and games. “

“I will do my best to provide a safe playing environment for my players.”

“I will treat all of my players fairly and with respect at all times. I will not show favoritism to any player.”

“I will create and support a positive team attitude toward field maintenance, preservation of equipment, league events and fundraising events.”

“As a Manager, I will bring the team’s contracts/medical release forms to all practices and games.”

“I will not address the official(s) of the game inappropriately. If there is an issue or dispute, I will ask the official for a time out and discuss it with him/her calmly and patiently.”

“I understand that as a Manager, I am responsible for the conduct of the Parents of my Players during the game. I will encourage them to applaud and cheer good plays by either team. I will clearly, forcefully, and directly discourage them from making negative comments or using profanity toward officials, coaches and/or players.”

Code of Conduct and Rule Reminders

No adult, coach, or person acting in a coaching role will use foul language, berate or badger a child, adult or official at any time or during an MBA games. This is grounds for ejection by the umpire or the Commissioner.

If any manager, assistant coach or anyone acting in a coaching role is ejected from a game, they will be suspended for a minimum of one game (the next scheduled game) and must meet with the Division Director and Commissioner prior to the next game. The second ejection of the same person will result in a suspension for a minimum of three games and must meet with the entire board prior to the next game. The third ejection of the same person will result in suspension for the remainder of the season. These actions will weigh in heavily when taking into consideration coaching applications in the following seasons.

There will be no alcoholic beverages or tobacco at any function at MBA by any coach. Breaking this rule will be grounds for immediate termination of all coaching privileges.

There will be a \$50.00 fee to file a protest. If the coach's protest is upheld, the money will be returned. If ruled against, the money will go into the association funds.

MBA Rule Guidelines

MBA Directors and umpires will refer to the MBA ground-rules for your division, first. If the situation is not covered there, they will refer to the Pony Baseball rules, and third Major League Baseball rules...in that order. Please remember that the umpire call is final. There is no protesting an umpires judgment call.

Common Courtesy

Home Team: The home team shall be responsible for getting the field ready to play and putting equipment away at the last game of the day.

Visiting Team: The visiting team shall be responsible for obtaining the score card from the snack bar and the visiting team will return the score card to the snack bar...signed by both managers.

ALL managers and coaches are responsible for removing trash from their dugout after each game.

ALL coaches are responsible for keeping their equipment in safe working order, and see Don Jimenez if assistance is needed.

NO glass containers are allowed in the dugout or playing area.

NO game swapping.

ALL: Please do not take things that do not belong to you. If you find something, please turn it in to a board member. Mark personal items as much as possible, so that if found they can easily be returned to you.

Common Courtesy (continued)

PLAYERS:

Cheering is appropriate but only FOR your team, not against your opponents. You must refrain from criticism of any player. Shouts of “he can’t pitch” or laughing at other’s mistakes is unacceptable.

Throwing of equipment (helmet, bat, etc.) will not be tolerated.

Use of swear words will not be tolerated. If it’s a word that your mother normally does not use or you would not use in front of her, don’t use it at baseball.

Respect the umpires! If you have a question about a call, let your Manager discuss the issue with the umpire. The player’s role is to play baseball, not to umpire the game. Mistakes by umpires, coaches or players must be accepted as part of playing the game.

COACHES:

You must set an example for your players! The rules for players apply equally to you. Abuse of umpires is unacceptable. Your job with youth baseball umpires is to help them to do the best job they can. Do not try to intimidate them. Any conversation with any umpire must be conducted in a calm and friendly manner.

The old adage is most appropriate: “It’s not whether you won or lost, it’s how you played the game.”

You are expected to discuss this Code with your players and enforce it. If you have a disciplinary problem, bring it to your Division Director.

PARENTS:

You are the most important role model for your child and that continues with baseball. Verbal abuse of umpires, ridicule of opposing players, public criticism of coaches, or arguments with other fans are an ugly part of some sports. They must not be allowed to ever be a part of MBA Baseball. If you have a criticism, please feel free to discuss it with your Division Director and it will be brought to the attention of the Board.

FANS:

It is wonderful that you take the time to come out and support your player. MBA welcomes you. However, we ask that you cheer for your player or team in a positive manner. It is not appropriate for an adult to heckle another team’s player. You may be warned and ejected by the umpire or Commissioner if the heckling continues.

ZERO-TOLERANCE POLICY:

Any player, coach or spectator who violates the Code of Conduct during a game is subject to ejection from that game by an Umpire.

Any player, coach or spectator ejected from a game by an Umpire is required, immediately upon ejection, to leave.

Any player, coach or spectator who is ejected from a game by an umpire shall be suspended from their next scheduled game.

For Pony Division, this also includes all suspensions at “away” games.

Any violation of the Code of Conduct may be referred to the Board for review and possible further sanctions, including removal from the Baseball Association.