



MANKATO AREA YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

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Showing respect for the game of baseball

1. Coaches and Parents DO NOT carry equipment. Players do.
2. Players should enter the field area completely in uniform. Changing into and out of uniform should be done away from the dugout area.
3. Players are to be in full uniform when on the field. Shirts tucked and caps worn correctly.
4. Ideally, both the head coach and assistant coach should be in full uniform and every effort will be made to provide uniforms for this purpose.
5. Players do not play catch or conduct pepper games on the grass immediately in front of the team bench area.
6. Players will play catch to warm up in the outfield grass and will respect their opponents right to take pre-game infield/outfield practice when allowed.
7. Players and coaches will use batting cages, if they are provided for pre-game soft toss or live pitching batting practice. Portable nets, if available will be set up in allowable areas. Under no circumstances will any batting practice be allowed against a chain link fence.
8. On-deck batters are responsible for picking up fouls, or passed ball/wild pitches (with no runners on base) immediately behind home plate.
9. Bench players are expected to retrieve baseballs hit foul on their side of the field. Players may be expected to retrieve all baseballs hit foul when playing at home.
10. Players are expected to keep the scorebook or pitching chart when needed. If you don't know how to keep the scorebook, learn how this season.
11. Umpires are to be addressed as either "Blue", "Ump" or "Mr. Umpire". They are to be treated with respect even when they miss calls as they humanly will.
12. Show courtesy to your teammates by "picking up" runners left on base at the end of an inning. This means assisting them by bringing their helmets back to the bench and bringing their glove and caps out to them.
13. Catchers should always have their equipment on, unless they were the last batter of an inning. In those instances coaches or bench players should hustle out and warm up the pitcher. These players must wear a mask when warming up the pitcher. The use of courtesy runners to speed up the game is encouraged but not required.

14. Players and coaches should immediately clear their respective bench area if there is another game following the one just completed.
15. Players will leave their bench area cleaner than they found it.
16. Coaches should take their teams to an area beyond parents and other spectators to offer post-game comments to their players.
17. Sportsmanship and common courtesy are an important part of baseball etiquette. The use of “please” and “thank you” also goes a long way. The game is about you the players. People come to enjoy seeing you play. Please recognize and appreciate the efforts of those who support you. Good luck this season.