



LEAGUE PHILOSOPHY

The Objective of the Minnesota Baseball Alliance is to implant firmly in the boys and girls of all communities the ideals of good sportsmanship, honest, loyalty, courage and respect, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy men and women. Managers, coaches, players, members and spectators of the Minnesota Baseball Alliance program are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that furthers the Objective of the Minnesota Baseball Alliance. That all Communities provide for, and to promote, the Minnesota Baseball Alliance for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

Check out Scores and Standings at www.mnmba.com

GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

Minnesota Baseball Alliance insists on the highest standard of sportsmanship in the conduct of our managers, coaches, parents and spectators. We intend to inculcate this ethic to the point where there is broad-based understanding in the membership about the positive behavior that is expected and the undesirable conduct that is to be avoided. This will reduce problems that must be handled by the MBA to a minimum and make sportsmanship the hallmark of the Minnesota Baseball Alliance.

Spectator conduct is good and the season is played typically without incident. However, the Minnesota Baseball Alliance has developed a code of conduct to reinforce to all that the game is for the children.

- ◆ Get involved. Stay involved. Staging a successful baseball season is truly a cooperative effort. Board members, managers and coaches all are unpaid volunteers. Any help you can volunteer is genuinely appreciated. Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all coaches.
- ◆ Set a good example for the children. Yelling at umpires shows great disrespect for the game of baseball and sets a poor standard of sportsmanship. It is the manager's job alone to discuss any problems with the umpires. Remember, this isn't the Metrodome out here!
- ◆ Encourage your kids AND the rest of the kids on the team. Let's pump all of these kids up so they'll have the times of their lives out there. Keep the comments positive and the results will be too!
- ◆ Bring problems to the attention of the manager IN PRIVATE. Arguing with the manager in public is detrimental to getting a successful resolution.

- ◆ Notify the manager of any absence as soon as you become aware of the need to be absent. Substitution and playing time rules are complex, so managers need time to put together the plan. Last minute changes can be very difficult.
- ◆ Please be on time to all events. Try to arrange for alternate transportation if your child otherwise can't arrive on time. Not warming up long enough can cause injury to the player.
- ◆ Please pick your child up promptly. Managers must wait until players are accounted for so try not to add more to the time commitment they already have. Make alternate arrangements if necessary.
- ◆ Refrain from any use of abusive or profane language.
- ◆ Help your child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever you can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting coaching or providing transportation.
- ◆ Most importantly, relax and enjoy the game and all will be well.

BLEACHER BEHAVIOR AND ETHICS

Parents in the sidelines have a major effect on their child's play. Please be sure that the effect is positive.

First rule: Allow your child to be a child and enjoy the game.

Second rule: Cheer.

The fun lies in being able to play.

Encourage development over winning.

Support the entire team, not just your child.

Cheer the good play of all players.

Practice good sportsmanship.

Players learn by example and parents set the most powerful example.

Let the players play and coaches coach.

Don't instruct your child during the game. You will only confuse the player.

Let the umpires umpire.

Yelling at the umpires does not accomplish anything positive. Consistent yelling may result in the umpire asking you to leave the field.

Be supportive of the coach.

The coach has to deal with a lot of details that are necessary to allow your child to play. Pitch in without being asked.

Learn the rules.

Keep all your comments to your child positive – no matter what the score or how your child played.

Negative comments from parents are a major reason that children quit sports.