

Coaching Guide - Field Etiquette



The following are our expectations of field use. Our fields are our most valuable resource – please treat them with respect.

1. NEVER DO "SOFT TOSS" AGAINST ANY FENCE.

- Hitting a baseball into chain link will cause the bottom of the fence to curl up and provide an injury hazard. The only way to do this acceptably is with whiffle balls.

2. NEVER LEAVE TRASH IN THE DUGOUT.

- Always pick up trash, plastic bottles, line-up cards, and whatever else you might bring in.

3. ALL FIELDS REQUIRE MAINTENANCE (before/after completion of a game and practice).

- The home team shall drag/rake/line/water/insert bases/groom mound & plate before the game/retrieve game balls, score board controls, scorebook, pitch counter from snack bar. The visiting team is welcome to help the home team with these tasks.
- The visiting team shall drag/rake/water/groom mound & plate/store bases/insert base plugs/lock all gates and storage/return score board controls, scorebook, pitch counter to snack bar after the game if there are no more games to be played on the field that day.
- Each team is responsible for cleaning their dugout and spectator area. Leave the field in better shape than you found it. If you find the field left in an unacceptable state, please let a Board member know.

4. BEHAVIOR TOWARD UMPIRES

- Whether a Junior Umpire or a seasoned Umpire; Umpires shall not be physically/verbally abused or mistreated. Umpires are doing the best they can at a difficult job. As a manager if you have a concern about an umpire's call, calmly explain it to the umpire. If you are reasonable, they will be reasonable. If you are told to return to the dugout, do it immediately. Managers are responsible for their own behavior as well as the behavior of their coaches, players, and families in the stands. If problems develop between you and an umpire, notify a Board member.
- Ultimately what the Umpire says – goes, even if you do not agree with the call. Players and families are looking to you to de-escalate any situations. Set the example.