



Manchester Athletic Association Parents Code of Conduct

- I shall not criticize the umpire unless I am ready to assume his duties.
- I shall not complain about anyone unless I have labored more hours on the Little League Program.
- I shall not be a "Grand Stand" Manager. I shall remember that only nine players can play at one time.
- I shall set an example for sportsmanship for my child to follow.
- I shall not be critical unless willing to put out the necessary effort to correct my criticism.
- I shall remember that all managers, coaches, officers and ladies are volunteer workers.
- I shall remember that all officers and other personnel must earn a living and cannot work on Little League full time.
- I shall offer my services for work whenever possible.
- I will utilize the end of season coach's survey as an opportunity to honestly and fairly evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of the MAA coaches, as a method of improving the overall skill level of the organization.
- Get involved. Stay involved. Staging a successful youth baseball season is truly a cooperative effort. Board members and coaches are all unpaid volunteers. Any help you can volunteer is genuinely appreciated!
- Set a good example for the children. Yelling at umpires shows great disrespect for the game of baseball and sets a lousy standard of sportsmanship. It is the coach's job alone to discuss any problems with the umpires. Remember, this isn't Yankee Stadium out here!
- Bring problems to the attention of the coach IN PRIVATE. Arguing with the coach in public is detrimental to getting a successful resolution.
- Notify the coaches of any absences as soon as you become aware of them. Especially in the Major League, substitution and playing time rule is complex, so managers need time to put together the plan. Last minute changes can be very difficult to accomplish.
- Please be on time to all events. Try to arrange for alternate transportation if the kids can't get there on time. Not leaving enough time to warm up is a good way to get a kid's arm ruined. Please pick your child up promptly. Coaches wait until all players are accounted for so try not to add more to the time commitment they already have.
- Do not criticize players in front of spectators. Do not criticize an opposing team, its players, coaches or fans by word of mouth or by gestures.
- Emphasize that winning a game is the result of "team work".
- Strive to make every baseball and softball activity a training exercise for life and a basis for good mental and physical health. Emphasize that good athletes strive to be good students and that both are physically and mentally alert.
- Refrain from excessive "sideline coaching". Do not leave the dugout area to shout instructions from the sidelines.
- Together with game officials, be jointly responsible for the conduct and the CONTROL OF TEAMS, fans and spectators. Any fan who becomes a nuisance, out of control or aggressive will be asked to leave the game and field area.
- Remember, fan and player reaction will usually be in step with your reaction.
- Refrain from using abusive or profane language directed towards anyone connected with the game. ABUSIVE OR PROFANE LANGUAGE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED ON THE MAA GROUNDS (OR WHILE TRAVELING) TOWARD ANY PERSON IN ATTENDANCE.
- There will be no alcoholic beverages allowed on the grounds.
- Do not deliberately incite unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Remove any player from the game when even slightly in doubt of his/her health, whether or not as a result of injury, until competent medical advice is available.