

# Chaska Baseball Association

## Players, Coaches & Parents Game Etiquette

### Players

- Always dress appropriately. Pants pulled up, jersey tucked in, hat straight, proper team color undershirt, and no jewelry. Individuals should not draw attention to themselves.
- Anytime we step onto the baseball playing field we jog to where we want to go. (Jog to OF to start catch, jog to a batting cage, jog to the bullpen.
- Always play catch in the outfield, and stay off the foul line. Take pride in taking care of your field! Baseball fields are sacred grounds.
- Respect the ballpark, equipment and the game.
- Stay focused while on the bench. Play the game even though you might not be on the field.
- One minute between innings. During game time, Chaska teams will sprint on and off the field of play! This is the ultimate source of pride in our program. NO TEAM even competes with how hard we sprint! By doing this we show the other team that we want to hit and we want to play defense – mental preparation.
- Pick up other teammates' gloves if they make the last out or if they are on left on base! Know in advance.
- Players NEVER talk to umpires about a play or call. This is the coaches' responsibility only.
- Positive infield/outfield chatter directed at our own teammates.
- Champions pay attention to the fundamental details of the game
- Be the best two base team on the field. Always looking to take an extra base!
- 1B and OF have warm-up balls.
- Do not react negatively to questionable called strikes (i.e., rolling of the eyes, pointing, shaking your head, or glaring), for these things can sway an umpire's future call and can also tip off an opposing pitcher that you are frustrated!
- Think the ball will come to you!
- Control what you can control. Physical mistakes happen, mental ones should not.

### Coaches

- While sprinting off the field (after playing defense), form a quick huddle to talk about our last defensive session. What can we learn from the last ½ inning?
- Bench player has to be assigned and ready to pick-up the catcher if he is last out.
- Coaches treat all umpires like the coaches themselves would want to be treated - with respect.
- Pre-assign who warms up pitcher and extra outfielder.
- Positive feedback given loudly. Constructive criticism given privately.

### Parents

- Both pre-game and during the game, the dugout and playing field are for players and coaches only.
- Positive talk in front of your son or at the ball field.
- Cheer as loudly for the rest of the team as you would for your own son.
- Every player has a role on the team and regardless of what it is, that role is important.
- Players play, coaches coach, umpires do their best, parents support. Just as every player has a role, so do the parents.