CLASSIC BASEBALL & IN-HOUSE SOFTBALL

Millard United Sports makes every effort to ensure player safety while participating in our baseball and softball programs. Although baseball and softball are statistically very safe sports, facial injuries to batters and baserunners can be particularly devastating when they occur. All Millard United Sports baseball and softball players must wear a full-face mask batting helmet while on deck, at-bat or in the field as a baserunner, in all practices and games. In addition, all In House softball players pitching and/or in the pitching circle must wear afielding face mask during all practices and games while facing a live batter. Millard United Sports will not be held responsible for injuries resulting from a player wearing an unapproved helmet or not wearing a fielding face mask in violation of this guidance. **MUS will provide** helmets with full cages and a fielding face mask for shared team use.

Parents/ Guardians of Baseball and Softball Players who do not abide by the Mandatory Face Protection Policy will assume all risks and hazards inherent in allowing your child to wear a batting helmet that does not include a full cage face mask or not wearing a fielding face mask as required by the MUS Mandatory Face Protection Policy in his/her participation in the Program. Parents/ Guardians are solely responsible for, and will bear any and all costs and expenses of, any injury your child sustains and any medical attention and/or rescue services provided to your child or any other child in connection with, or arising from, your child's use of a batting helmet that does not include a full cage face mask or not wearing a fielding face mask as required by the MUS Mandatory Face Protection Policy in his/her participation in the Program.

Parents/Guardians of 13/14U Classic Baseball Players who allow their child to wear an unapproved batting helmet must complete a WAIVER OF LIABILITY, RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND IDEMNITY each season and submit the form to their coach prior to participating in practices or games.

<u>Disciplinary Rule Applicable to the Millard United Sports Mandatory</u> <u>Face Protection Policy</u>

Any Softball Player or 3U-12U Baseball player who violates any Millard United safety rule by failing to wear a batting helmet that does not meet the MUS Mandatory Face Protection Policy while on deck, atbat or in the field as a baserunner, in any practice/game, shall be removed from the practice/game by the coach until a batting helmet meeting the requirements of the MUS Mandatory Face Protection Policy is used.

Any 13/14U Baseball Player who violates any Millard United safety rule by failing to wear a helmet that does not meet the MUS Mandatory Face Protection Policy Guidelines while on deck, at bat or in the field as a baserunner in any practice/game prior to completing a waiver shall be removed from the practice/game by the coach until a batting helmet meeting the requirements of the MUS Mandatory Face Protection Policy is used or the WAIVER OF LIABILITY, RELEASE, ASSUMPTION OF RISK, AND IDEMNITY Is completed.

Any Softball player who violates any Millard United safety rule by failing to wear a fielding face mask while pitching or in the pitching circle facing a live batter in practices or games shall be removed from the practice/ game by the coach until a fielding face mask meeting the requirements of the MUS Mandatory Face Protection Policy is used.

Any team intentionally allowing a player to wear a batting helmet that does not meet the MUS Mandatory Face Protection Policy while on deck, at-bat or in the field as a baserunner will face disciplinary action.

Any Softball team intentionally allowing a player to not wear afielding face mask inviolation of the MUS Mandatory Face Protection Policy while pitching or in the pitching circle while facing a live batter will be subject to disciplinary action.