



Chaperone

All members of a team staff should contribute to a positive atmosphere in the dugout. The chaperone spends a lot of time with players in the dugout and can be instrumental in creating a safe positive environment for all players on the team. Here is a summary of the responsibilities for a team chaperone.

- Maintain order in the dugout
 - Ensure players understand their role when on deck or in the hole.
 - Helmets under the bench, bats on the fence, gloves on the bench.
 - Remind players to leave the dugout clean before they leave.
- Be the gatekeeper of the dugout
 - No siblings, pets or non-staff members should be in the dugout.
 - Players should not leave the dugout unattended.
- Assist the catcher with her gear
 - Once there are two outs, the catcher should be geared up.
 - If the catcher is on deck and there are two outs, the shin guards should be worn since these are easy to remove if she ends up batting.
- Assist with keeping batters in the correct batting order.
- Escort players to and from the bathroom, preferably before the game or practice.
 - We recommend you check with players at least 20 minutes before game time.
 - 8U teams should allow 25-30 minutes.
- Ensure players have balls in their gloves to warm up between innings.
 - 1B should have a ball to warm up the infield.
 - OF should warm up each other – or if there are players in the dugout, they can warm up the outfielders