

MESQUITE BASEBALL INC.

UMPIRE CODE OF ETHICS

- 1) Be on the field ready to go at game time.
- 2) Study the rules of the game diligently, observe the work of other umpires and attempt to improve at all times.
- 3) Conduct yourself in such a way that spectator attention is directed to the athletes playing the game and not at you.
- 4) Dress and maintain your appearance in a manner befitting the dignity and importance of the game of baseball.
- 5) Conduct yourself in a professional manner. Be a positive example to the players, coaches and fans.
- 6) Be fair and unbiased in your decisions, rendering them without regard to the score. Show respect for the players and coaches desire to win. The umpire's job is to make calls and render decisions.
- 7) Give your complete cooperation to the teams that you serve and to MBI that you represent.
- 8) Cooperate and be professional with fellow umpires and do nothing to cause them public embarrassment. Umpires must work as a team, no matter who is their partner(s).
- 9) Be firm but not overbearing; courteous but not ingratiating; positive, but never rude; confident, but never "cocky;" friendly, but not companionable; calm, but alert.
- 10) Be prepared both physically and mentally to umpire.
- 11) Do not smoke or use smokeless tobacco on or in the vicinity of the playing field, nor drink alcoholic beverages on the day of the game.
- 12) Keep in mind that the game is more important than the wishes of any individual player or coach or the ambitions of any individual umpire.