

UMAC Conduct Policy

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Thank you for registering your son or daughter to play baseball with UMAC Baseball, Inc. ("UMAC"), a Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth League-affiliated organization. UMAC appreciates your participation and commitment to the organization. UMAC commits to providing a safe learning environment designed to cultivate all players' interest in baseball.

Below are the commitments that UMAC asks of its coaches, spectators, parents, and players. These commitments are intended to further the goals of Cal Ripken/Babe Ruth Baseball, consistent with the following Babe Ruth League Mission Statement and Sportsmanship Code:

MISSION STATEMENT

The Babe Ruth Baseball program, using regulation competitive baseball rules, teaches skills, mental and physical development, a respect for the rules of the game, and basic ideals of sportsmanship and fair play. In all aspects, Babe Ruth League, Inc. is committed to providing our participants the very best educational, sports experience possible. It is our fundamental belief that every child with a desire to play baseball be afforded that opportunity.

SPORTSMANSHIP CODE

- Develop a strong, clean, healthy body, mind and soul.
- Develop a strong urge for sportsmanlike conduct.
- Develop understanding of and respect for the RULES.
- Develop courage in defeat, tolerance and modesty in victory.
- Develop control over emotions and speech.
- Develop spirit of cooperation and team play.
- Develop into real, true CITIZENS.

Behavior inconsistent with these commitments may result in ejection from games by the presiding umpire; and/or suspension or expulsion from the league, or other consequences, as determined by the UMAC Board based on the circumstances of the situation. Such circumstances include, but are not limited to, whether the violation is a first-time offense, whether the behavior is part of a pattern, the seriousness of the violation, whether the behavior is illegal, and

whether injuries occurred as a result of the violation. No refunds will be permitted for ejections, suspensions, or expulsions.

Coaches Commitment

I will:

- Place the emotional and physical well-being of my players ahead of a personal desire to win.
- Treat each player as an individual, remembering the large range of emotional and physical development for the same age group.
- Do my best to provide a safe playing environment for my players, including instructing and reminding players to warm-up in appropriate areas.
- Promise to review and practice the basic first aid principles needed to treat injuries of players.
- Do my best to organize practices that are fun and challenging for all my players.
- Lead by example in demonstrating fair play and sportsmanship to all my players.
- Be knowledgeable in baseball rules and teach these rules to my players.
- Use those coaching techniques appropriate for each of the skills that I teach.
- Use language that is appropriate and non-offensive.
- Remember that I am a youth sports coach and that the game is for children, not adults.
- Remember that these Commitments apply to all UMAC teams, including intramural, All-Star, Select, and Travel Teams.

Parents Commitment

I will:

- Ensure that my child is on time for all scheduled practices, scrimmages, and games, unless I advise the coach beforehand
- Remain out of the team bench area and dug-out, and off the playing field, unless specifically invited by the coach into those areas
- Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, and practice.
- Place the emotional and physical well-being of my child ahead of a personal desire to win.
- Insist that my child play in a safe and healthy environment.
- Support coaches and officials working with my child, in order to encourage a positive and enjoyable experience for all.

- Remember that the game is for youth – not for adults.
- Do my best to make youth sports fun for my child.
- Guide my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with respect.
- Promise to help my child enjoy the youth sports experience by doing whatever I can, such as being a respectful fan, assisting with coaching, volunteering for league activities, or providing transportation.
- Abide by the Spectator's Commitment.

Players Commitment

I will:

- Listen to and follow instructions given by the coaches.
- Respect and support my coaches and fellow team members at all times.
- Accept all umpiring and coaching decisions, without complaint
- Do my part to arrive on-time for all practices and games.
- Wear the proper uniform and wear correctly all necessary equipment, including protective gear.
- Promptly report to my coaches any pain or discomfort that I am feeling.
- Play, practice, and warm-up safely.

Spectators Commitment

Parents and coaches should help non-parent spectators meet the following expectations.

As a spectator and guest at UMAC baseball games, I will:

- Cheer positively, refrain from any negative comments, and refrain from using abusive language.
- Not challenge coaching decisions, umpiring decisions, or player performance.
- Help foster an environment conducive to fair play, good sportsmanship, and athletic development.
- Keep non-player children off the field and safely away from areas where players are warming up.