

MANHATTAN BEACH YOUTH ATHLETICS, INC.

Manhattan Beach Little League
Manhattan Beach Girls Softball



CODE OF CONDUCT & STATEMENT OF VALUES

Manhattan Beach Youth Athletics (MBYA) would like to remind coaches, parents, and players of the values that guide our leagues, Manhattan Beach Little League and Manhattan Beach Girls Softball. These values are based on the essential elements of character building and ethics that are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship:

- Teamwork
- Respect
- Honor
- Fairness
- Integrity
- Good Citizenship

Coaches and parents must remember that these are recreational baseball and softball leagues played for fun. Adults should be positive role models for children and should encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy to all players, coaches and umpires at every game. It is paramount to our league that every parent be an exemplary role model and maintain the highest standard of conduct at all times.

Parents Will:

- Cheer and acknowledge good plays by both teams.
- Support the efforts of players and coaches regardless of the result.
- Remember that children participate to learn and have fun and that the game is for the kids, not the adults.
- Learn the rules and policies of the league.
- Respect the officials and their authority during games.
- Never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field; instead take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
- Refrain from coaching your child or other players behind the backstop and from the bleachers during games and practices, unless you are one of the official coaches of the team.

Parents WILL NOT:

- Force their child to participate if doing so is clearly against his or her desire or nature, but will hold him/her accountable to honor a team commitment that he/she has made freely.
- Ridicule, criticize, or show any signs of disrespect to officials, players, coaches, or other spectators in victory or defeat.
- Use vulgar, racial, culturally insensitive or abusive language or threatening gestures.
- Engage in any activity that embarrasses others or prohibits them from enjoying the experience of the game.

Managers/Coaches Will:

- Learn the rules and policies of the league and abide by those rules and policies.
- Remember that children participate to learn and have fun and that the game is for them, not the adults.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship and integrity regardless of the score by acting in a positive manner towards all players, parents, coaches and umpires.
- Emphasize personal and team skill development, fundamentals, practice, hustle and accountability, and how they benefit each player as opposed to just winning. All teams make the playoffs.
- Show respect to all players, parents, coaches and umpires.
- Shake hands with the umpires and opposing coaches at the conclusion of all games.
- Be a good citizen by caring for our fields and facilities and helping MBYA maintain them in the best possible condition for the next team.

Managers/Coaches WILL NOT:

- Ridicule, criticize, or show any signs of disrespect to the umpire, players, other coaches, or spectators in victory or defeat.
- Challenge an umpire's authority. The umpires shall have the authority and discretion to expel anyone who does so.
- Use tobacco including smokeless or chewing products in the presence of a player.

Players Will:

- Strive to always do their best to learn while also having fun.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship regardless of the score by acting in a positive manner towards all players, coaches and umpires.
- Shake hands with the opposing team and umpire at the conclusion of all games.

Players WILL NOT:

- Throw equipment or use offensive or inappropriate language in a response to a call made on the field.
- Challenge an umpire's authority.
- Show disrespect to teammates and/or Coaches.

Any Parent and/or Manager/Coach guilty of improper conduct at any game or practice will be asked to leave the sports facility and be suspended from the following game. The MBYA Executive Board along with League Commissioner(s) will review all infractions. Depending on the severity or frequency, the Board may assess additional disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from MBYA.