

MBA: Parents' and Fans' Misbehavior Policy

Generally we have few or no problems with parents' or fans' misbehaving in a manner contradictory to that which is described in the Code of Ethics. However, occasionally a situation does arise where the behavior of a parent becomes unacceptable. This policy is intended to describe the procedure that the Mitchell Baseball Association will follow to address such instances.

It is not the intent of this policy to try and define every instance that might be described as constituting parental misbehavior. We will however make mention of certain types of known behavior that we have experienced in the past and will use these examples to illustrate unacceptable parental behavior. Such examples are, but not limited to, the following.

- Taunting of an umpire, coach, league official, or player in a negative manner either verbally or in writing
- The use of profanity or vulgar language
- Embarrassing negative remarks aimed at your own player or other players while he/she is playing a game
- The use of drugs or alcoholic beverages or under the influence of drugs or alcohol while at an MBA sanctioned game
- Threatening or aggressive remarks towards umpires, coaches, league officials, or fans
- Physical confrontations with umpires, coaches, league officials, or fans
- Failure to remove yourself from the field after you have been ejected from the stands
- Failure to remove yourself from the Park after you have been ejected from the stands
- Other behavior deemed inappropriate and in violation of good conduct policy

Parents and Fans please understand that any such behavior as listed above will be dealt with by the Association in the following manner.

1. You will first be warned by the umpire, MBA Coach, Director of Baseball Operations or Board Member
2. If you continue to present a problem you will be ejected from the game and the game will not resume until you have left the premises.
3. If you fail to leave the premises, A Police Officer will be summoned to escort you away from the field of play.

Once ejected from a game, an individual must remove him/her self from the viewing area of the game and not return to the game. If you cannot do so then you will be ejected from the premise. If you fail to do so and refuse to calm down the **Police Department** will be called to arrest you and take you away from the premises.

It is our hope that we do not have to initiate any of the above steps necessary to control parental behavior. It is the intent of the Mitchell Baseball Association to create a family atmosphere for the enjoyment and recreation of hundreds of parents, coaches, and players who are out to enjoy team and family time together. We hope to provide the basis for all players to have fun, learn the game of baseball, and most of all develop the attitudes and good behavior associated with sportsmanship, fair play, and teamwork. We are asking you as parents to help us reach our goal.

Please lead by example and remember that hundreds of small eyes and ears are looking and listening to everything you say and do.

THANK YOU,
MITCHELL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION