

LA Baseball League manager and player responsibilities at fields

Obtaining permission to play on any field is a tough, time consuming proposition. For every field we have, there are other leagues waiting in line behind us, continually seeking permission to rent that field. Simply put, there are not enough quality fields to go around. We are fortunate to have what we have. We continually strive to improve what we have and improve the deals that we make. Therefore, please read the following carefully. You are responsible for your player's familiarity with the rules and guidelines. We strongly recommend that you make copies of these rules and distribute them to your players.

ALL PLAYERS NEED TO KNOW AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF THE FOLLOWING!

GENERAL INFORMATION / RULES:

SMOKING: Smoking is never allowed on any field at any time (including dugout). All tobacco products are not allowed anywhere on the premises of any facility property. **NO SMOKING (INCLUDING POT, LEGAL or OTHERWISE)!**

ALCOHOL: The consumption of alcoholic beverages at anytime, anywhere on the premises of any field is prohibited. That means, not on the field, dugout, in the stands, in the parking lot, or the surrounding areas. This means players **OR** fans. **NO DRINKING!**

WEAPONS: Weapons are prohibited any time or anywhere on the premises or vicinity of any field. That means, not on the field, dugout, in the stands, in the parking lot, or the surrounding areas. This means players **OR** fans. **NO WEAPONS!**

FIGHTING: Fighting is prohibited any time or anywhere on the premises or vicinity of any field. That means, not on the field, dugout, in the stands, in the parking lot, or the surrounding areas. This means players **OR** fans. **NO FIGHTING!**

SEEDS: The eating of sunflower seeds is prohibited on the field or in the dugout. We have been instructed by all coaches that seeds ruin their fields. This means players **OR** umpires. **NO SEEDS!**

RESTROOMS: All players must use restrooms or portable toilets. Do not urinate on the field or premises. If the facilities are locked please ask your manager for options. **NO PISSING IN THE BUSHES!**

DUGOUTS: Regardless of the prior condition, you must leave dugouts clean. Clean up all trash from the dugouts before you leave. We need to make a good impression on the managers of these fields and show that we care for their facilities. Neglect will result in the league accruing hefty fines and a bad reputation, which may lead to the loss of fields and increased league fees. **PLEASE CLEAN UP THE DUGOUTS, EVEN IF YOUR TEAM DID NOT MAKE THE MESS!**

GLENDALE SC: No metal cleats are allowed, per the city of Glendale. You can wear rubber cleats, plastic cleats, turf shoes, tennis shoes, but not metal cleats.

PREGAME: NEVER take infield practice while the prep crew is still on the field. **ALWAYS** warm-up and play catch in the outfield, and **NEVER** play catch in front of the dugout or along baselines. Infield is only allowed on a few fields, and by permission of the coach only. **If you do not get a verbal OK to take infield from the school coach, don't take infield.**

DOGS: Dogs are not allowed on any fields. There are insurance issues at play here, so please leave your dogs at home. **NO DOGS ALLOWED!**

PARKING: Only park in marked parking areas. Park at your own risk! There is no insurance for the vehicles of players, umpires, score keepers, family members, friends or any other spectators. Never leave valuables in your vehicle, and use common sense when parking your vehicle.

VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE ABOVE IS SUBJECT TO EXPULSION FROM THE LEAGUE.

Please take a few moments to review these general guidelines with your team to ensure we maintain quality playing fields and continued cordial relationships with the resident coaching staffs. Please remember: We are their invited guests!

Pre-game / Warm-up:

- Be aware of troubled areas on the grass and avoid these areas at all costs.
- Run, stretch and play catch in outfield only. Not in front of dugouts.
- Only hit in cages if available and OK'ed by the coach, using existing mats.
- No soft-toss into any fence!! Soft toss into soft nets or cage nets only if they are available.
- Hit infield from plate area (not from grass), and only if allowed by the field's coach.
- Use dirt areas for practice swings, NOT on the grass!

Post-game:

- Pick up all trash in and around dugouts and stands.
- Return anything moved to its original storage area (screens, tarps, tools, etc.) and lock up bins, lockers or sheds when required.

The LA Baseball League appreciates your efforts in helping us retain the use of fields and facilities. If we all pitch in, we can keep fields. Thank you!