



# Manly Warringah District Baseball Association Junior Baseball

ABN 88 625 238 270

## Representative Team & Game Protocol

### All Stars

This information is to inform new players and parents, and to reinforce to returning players and players of MWDBA Juniors expectations in regard to conduct at games and training sessions within their own team and in the present of others.

It is a privilege to represent your district in any sport and it is our intention to see a high level of respect shown within the representative teams. It is a wonder achievement for the players to reach this level and what they learn from this experience is not just baseball skills but also valuable life skills such as discipline, commitment, respect and team camaraderie.

These guidelines are for both players and parents. We would ask that parents reinforce these directions to their child(ren).

#### At Training:

- Players should arrive early in the appropriate uniform determined by the Manager and be ready to start on time.
- Players should ensure they have everything they need before entering the dugout.
- Once a player enters the dugout they “belong” to the Manager/Coaches & EO.
- Training should only be missed for urgent family matters, sickness, one-off school activities (ie. School camp, exams, teacher meetings).
- If players cannot attend training the Team EO must be notified without delay and with as much notice as possible.

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### At Games:

- Be punctual.
- Arrive in the uniform required by your team management.
- Players should ensure they have everything they need when they enter the dugout.
- Once a player enters the dugout they “belong” to the Team/Manager/Coaches & EO.
- Team Officials will determine the position/s each player fills. A Coach will not assign a player to a field position unless confident such individual is adequately prepared and capable for the task. Representative game positions allocated to a player may not be the same as those played in club baseball or those specified on the trial registration form. It is expected all players respect the decision of the Coach in regard to positions assigned to them and carry out his/her role within the team co-operatively and with the utmost dedication.
- Players are welcome to discuss any matter of concern with their Team Officials. However, this should be done at an appropriate time and with the intention of gaining knowledge rather than to complain.
- No one, except players and team officials are permitted to be in the dugout before, during or after a game. The only exception is ground staff.
- No one, except players and team officials are permitted to be on the diamond before, during or after a game. The only exception is ground staff.
- Parents needing to communicate with their child/ren once in the dugout shall do so via the EO.
- Parents should ensure they know what their team duty is and arrive on time to complete it.
- Sledging is not permitted. Parents/Supporters/Players are not to shout anything negative to a player of the Manly team or our opposition. All vocal support should be positive.
- Parents/Supporters/Players are never to give instructions to players on the field, this is the Coaches’ role.
- Parents/Supporters/Players should always address other Parents/Supporters/Players with the utmost respect and courtesy.
- Games should only be missed for the most urgent matters such as sickness or severe injury. An injured player is expected to attend games in uniform and sit in the dugout to support their team.

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Anytime:

- Parents and players should understand that, at this representative level, players do not experience equal playing time as in club baseball. In saying that, the rules state that all players must attain 1 plate appear per game.
- Parents are not to discuss their child's playing position(s) or amount of time spent on the field with any team official; these issues are only to be raised with the MWDBA Junior Rep Coordinator.

MWDBA and the Junior Board takes these issues seriously and player placement in the Manly teams may be jeopardised if these protocols are not met.

Our desire is to see all players have an enjoyable representative experience. We know that they will grow in many ways and learn so much from their hard work and commitment to their team.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me on 0425 254 293.

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