

# **Baseball Etiquette Rules**

- 1. Wear your club baseball uniform correctly. Take pride in your presentation and the image of the sport. The public learn about baseball from how you behave.**
- 2. Do not 'steal bases' after being 10 runs ahead. Do not expect to be held close to the base. Advance on a batted or played ball. Do not embarrass your fellow opponent.**
- 3. Pitchers and catcher should always apologise to the opposition player on a hit pitch ball or collision.**
- 4. Do not lift your team by criticising the opposition; always talk up positive remarks to your own players.**
- 5. Do not excel or acclaim failures, always praise good plays from all players.**
- 6. Always respect and thank the opposition, umpires, scorers and spectators after a game.**
- 7. Never use the infield of a baseball diamond to warm up before a game. Use it only for pre-game fielding drills.**
- 8. When making player position and substitute changes always inform the Chief Umpire first, then the Scorers.**
- 9. During a game, players and coaches should only engage in conversations with their own bench. Do not engage in discussions with the opposition or public.**
- 10. Take 'cheap outs' out of your game. Respect a good return to a base on a pick off or a slide into a base. Do not keep holding on to the player.**
- 11. If your opposition team is short of players, in the spirit of sportsmanship consider assisting by: a) providing your excess player into their line up, and b) providing outfielders when your team is at bat.**