

Mission Statement:

The Mukwonago Tribe Baseball program is dedicated to providing youth the opportunity to play baseball at an advanced level in a competitive, positive, and rewarding environment. We strive to instill in our players the value of effort, respect, sportsmanship, leadership, community, and teamwork. We do not promote specialization and encourage our players to participate in multiple sports.



Program Goals:

1. Provide each player with the opportunity to learn, develop, and improve their baseball skills, with an emphasis in teaching the fundamentals of baseball
2. Foster an environment that encourages mental, social, and emotional growth and maturity for all players
3. Teach all players the value of sportsmanship
4. Provide all players, coaches, and families a positive and fulfilling baseball experience
5. Position our players for successful advancement to higher levels, including the Mukwonago High School Indians baseball program

Player and Parent Expectations:

Players

Practice

- Arrive on time ready to go at the start time of practice. Come ready to practice with a purpose.
- Wear proper attire including pants, hat, protective cup, cleats (when outside), and any other attire as specified by coaches.
- Bring the proper equipment. This includes glove, bat, helmet, batting gloves (if desired), water bottle, and any other equipment as specified by coaches.
- Have a good attitude, demonstrate good sportsmanship

Games

- Be focused on executing your responsibilities as a teammate.
- Be on the field and ready to go in the correct uniform on time as specified by coaches
- Arrive mentally and physically prepared to compete
- Give 100% effort AND be 100% focused
- Keep emotional outbursts in check
- Be prepared for changes to the game plan depending on game situations
- Be respectful of coaches, team members, officials, other teams and all parents
- Have a good attitude, demonstrate good sportsmanship

Understand that attitude, effort, and attendance at practice and games may influence playing time!

Thank your parents for their commitment to your athletic advancement.

Parents

- Get players to practice and games on time
- Exhibit a positive attitude around the players and other parents
- Accept feedback from coaches regarding your players development throughout the season
- Let the coaches' coach. Coaches invest a significant amount of time preparing for practice and games to further your child's development. Refrain from "coaching from the sidelines". Coaches are putting the players in the positions based on skills they have demonstrated at practice and games and not all players are suitable for all positions
- Practice good communication with the coaches throughout the season. Follow their instructions for communicating availability for games and practices in a timely manner
- If you have a concern about your player, choose an appropriate time to address the coaches.

Mandatory use of the 24 hour rule is required - take 24 hours to reflect on the issue and then talk to the coach

Game Day Sportsmanship:

	Do's	Don'ts
Parents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always respect the umps, the opponents, and opposing coaches and fans Enjoy the time watching your child learn some baseball lessons and life lessons Expect your child to experience some failure and respect the idea that is why you want them playing youth sports Cheer respectfully for all players, not just your child 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yell instructions to your child Talk to your child in the dugout unless an emergency message Holler encouragement directed towards your child – they have coaches and teammates for that Never verbally question balls and strikes – the umpire should not know you are there Don't yell at the umpires over what you believe was a missed call – the umpire should not know you are there Never leave a game and help your child make excuses (umpire, coach, teammates)
Players	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show sportsmanship at all times Respect the umpire, respect the umpire, respect the umpire Appreciate the other team and how hard they work to develop their skills Run back to the dugout after striking out Quit stealing/taking base on passed ball once you are up by the run rule Respect your glove, bat, bat bag, and gear Keep the dugout clean, clean up after the game Take the lead in chasing down foul balls Only one team wins – appreciate the opportunity to learn in the heat of competition Thank the ump after every game Look your opponents in the eye when shaking hands, and offer sincere words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never question balls and strikes from the pitching mound Never question balls and strikes from the dugout Never pout or show embarrassment for an error – try to make the play next time Never make fun of other players on your team or the opponents Never look for excuses - look for opportunities to improve
Coaching Staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Show sportsmanship at all times Respect the umpire, respect the umpire, respect the umpire Have each other's back at all times Find time to discuss philosophy with the head coach – one on one, away from games Police the fans You are teachers – be in a teaching mode at all times at a game You are role models – don't let the players down 	
Opposing Coaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce yourself with a smile and a handshake Show appropriate sportsmanship towards his team and staff during the game Respect their right to coach according to their philosophy Use their example to remind yourself about our Tribe philosophy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never verbally confront the opposing staff or players during a game Never allow your players to hear your thoughts about the opposing coaches
Umpires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce yourself with a smile and a handshake Pay them when required by rule – don't forget Converse casually in between innings a few times (3 or 4) a game without focusing on the game Home team –offer a bottle of water to each ump Learn how to ask a question (not make a statement) between innings Ask for time before entering the field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Never verbally question balls and strikes from the dugout or 1st or 3rd coaching box Never run on to the field to question a call Never be demonstrative / show up an ump during a game Never bring out your rule book to show the ump Never bring up the umpires to your team after the game