

Mankato American Team Expectations

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Mission Statement: Participation in the Mankato American Legion Baseball program is a privilege extended to the players who are willing to make the commitment to adhere to the rules that govern American Legion Baseball and the Mankato Youth Baseball Association (MAYBA). Participation in organized activities such as American Legion Baseball contributes to the all-around development of young men. Mankato American Legion Baseball gives young men the opportunity to learn the importance of teamwork, discipline, having fun, and good sportsmanship, as well as an opportunity to develop their baseball skills, personal fitness, and leadership qualities.

Player Expectations:

- All players are expected to attend and be on time for all scheduled practices, games, and team functions. It is the **PLAYER'S** responsibility to communicate with their respective coaches for any schedule conflicts. Coaches need **3 DAYS** notice prior to a game or practice if a player will be absent. Failure to notify coaches can result in loss of playing time.
- Players are expected to give best effort, hustle, and show good sportsmanship at all times. Players need to remember they are representing not just their name, but also the city of Mankato, Mankato American Legion, and MAYBA. We want to have a reputation for being a hard-working, competitive, and respected team!
- Any players involved in altercations with teammates, game officials, or opposing players will be subject to suspension as deemed appropriate by the coaching staff and MAYBA.
- Players are expected to follow all eligibility rules and requirements set by Minnesota American Legion Baseball. They can be found at <https://www.minnesotalegionbaseball.com/>
- Any violation of team or league rules can result in loss of playing time.

Parent Expectations:

- Be a fan, support your son and the team!
- Parents of all players are expected to be courteous and polite at all games. We are a reflection of the entire Mankato American Legion and MAYBA program. Please refrain from all forms of negative and combative cheering.
- For home games, we will need some volunteers to run the scoreboard. If any parents are willing to volunteer at home games it would be greatly appreciated.

Playing Time:

- Competitiveness and player development is a high priority.
- Playing time is not equal and coaches will communicate with players about their role on the team.
- If a player has a concern about their playing time, the player needs to communicate their concerns to the coaches.

Schedule and Practices:

- The game schedule will be updated and posted on the MAYBA website under the traveling teams tab Americans.
- Please sign up for Remind at <https://www.remind.com>. Remind will be used to inform players and parents of game changes, cancellations, and practice times. This will be the main form of communication throughout the summer.

Away games and Tournaments:

- For all away games players are responsible for getting to the game themselves. We will meet at the East parking lot to carpool if anyone needs rides and to make sure everyone is there. If you cannot meet to carpool and need to meet us at the game a coach needs to be notified.
- If we have day games scheduled, which is the case for tournaments and playoffs, please plan ahead. Coaches will let you know scheduled game times as soon as possible so you can make accommodations.

