

Conduct and Safety

Players, managers, coaches and fans (hereafter, “involved parties”) are reminded that we are guests at the fields and facilities used for practice and games. Our continued use of these venues is dependent upon everyone respecting the rules of these facilities. In addition, safety of all participants on and off the field is paramount and any behavior that threatens involved parties will not be tolerated.

Good Sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship must be exhibited AT ALL TIMES by players, coaches and spectators – whether in the dugouts, in the stands or on the fields. Involved parties will be quickly removed from the premises should their behavior become a distraction to other involved parties. Poor sportsmanship includes, but is not limited to:

1. Foul language toward anyone in attendance
2. Taunting or any other displays of disrespect to involved parties, umpires, property or to the game of baseball itself.

Batters

A batter is to control her bat at all times. Under no circumstances is she to threaten, wield or throw her bat at another player. No throwing of helmets. Furthermore, she is not to charge another player on or off the field.

Pitchers

No pitcher shall intentionally throw at a batter in either the batter’s box or in the batter’s on-deck circle.

Fielders

Fielders may not block a base/plate or base path without the baseball or a reasonable expectation of being able to make a play on the runner. (Base runners are entitled to bases and base paths.) Fake/decoy tags are not allowed.

Base Runners

A base runner is to stay in the base paths at all times. No base runner may collide carelessly, intentionally or maliciously with any fielder to allow herself to reach base. Hard, legitimate slides will be allowed as long as the fielder is in the base path. Umpires will use their own discretion as to whether contact between runner and fielder is intentional and/or malicious.

Sunglasses

Pitchers may not wear non-prescription sunglasses.

Helmets for Base Coaches

Base coaches are encouraged to wear helmets.

Ejected Players/Coaches

Involved parties who have been ejected from a game must leave the premises immediately; he/she cannot remain in the dugout, stands, facility or parking lot. The ejected person may be subject to further league discipline. Ejected persons may not play or coach in a league game until they have met with the Judiciary Committee and have been given clearance to play/coach again.

Dugout Access

Only players, managers and coaches of a team may be in the dugout during a game. If other arrangements cannot be made, children of team members may sit in the dugout provided they wear helmets at all times. Non-team personnel may occupy the dugout if they are performing a specific task for that team (e.g. keeping score, administering first aid, etc.) or the CWBL/Chicago Gems (e.g. photography.)

Pre-game Warmups

Pre-game stretching and throwing is to be done in the outfield grass or in areas outside the field of play. Do not play catch in front of the dugouts or on the infield.

Hitting into fences is prohibited unless wiffle balls are used.

Postgame Cleanup

Teams must clean up after themselves before leaving the dugout. Dispose of all trash in proper receptacles. The managers of the teams who play the final game of the day will be responsible for ensuring that the fields and dugouts are left in good condition.

Alcohol

The consumption of alcohol is prohibited at all facilities, including the parking lots, used by the CWBL.

Smoking/Tobacco Products

No smoking or use of smokeless tobacco products on the playing field, in dugouts or in any posted no smoking area.

Pets

Pets, where permitted, are allowed in the spectator area, but must be confined to a leash.