

# METUCHEN BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SPORTSMANSHIP PLEDGE PLAYERS'

We respectfully ask you, as a condition of your participation in the Metuchen Baseball & Softball program, to please read and acknowledge your agreement by signing the following player sportsmanship pledge.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

1. I will always remember that I am playing the game mostly because it is **FUN** and that my opponents play for **FUN** as well.
2. I understand that it is okay if I am not a great player. I will always try my best and that is all that can be expected of me.
3. I will show **RESPECT** to my teammates. I will always speak positively when I give advice to my teammates. I know that my teammates will consider suggestions more seriously if I do it kindly and in a friendly way. I will also show **RESPECT** to my opponents, coaches, and spectators.
4. I understand that when another player says something unkind, most of the time a confrontation can be avoided. I will not respond to players misbehaving. I will not lower myself to the irresponsible player's level and risk hurting my team by possibly being ejected from the game or being removed by my coach.
5. I will recognize that umpires try to do the best job they can, just as I am doing. They make mistakes, but so do I. I will not criticize their decisions. I will show umpires the same **RESPECT** that I want for myself.
6. I will help my family by reminding them not to argue with umpires or coaches and to show **RESPECT** and good sportsmanship at all times.

**League play is supposed to be safe, instructional and most of all, FUN! Help us keep it that way!**