

MILWAUKE BANGERS BASEBALL – RULES AND GUIDELINES

NOTE: Milwaukee Bangers Baseball Club, Inc. (MBB) is a recreational baseball club. These rules and guidelines have been put in place to maintain a safe, fun experience for all players and participants and to ensure that we follow the policies put forth by the facilities we rent.

NOTE: Games will be played in accordance with Major League Baseball rules. MBB rules will override these rules when applicable.

1. CODE OF CONDUCT

- a. **Physical Attacks:** Players may not lay a hand upon, shove, strike, or threaten any umpire, game official, player, manager, spectator, or other participant before, during, or after a game.
- b. **Verbal Abuse:** Players may not make verbal abusive attacks upon any player, manager, official, or spectator before, during, or after a game. Players guilty of such conduct shall be immediately removed from that game by the umpire or game official.
- c. **Equipment Throwing:** Players may not throw bats, helmets, gloves, or any other piece of equipment in a manner that puts others at risk or causes a negative scene. Players guilty of such conduct will be immediately warned by the umpire or game official. A second act or severe first act will lead to an immediate removal from the game.
- d. **Excessive Rough Play:** The use of unnecessarily rough tactics against the body of an opposing player is prohibited. Players guilty of such conduct will be immediately removed from further participation in the game.
- e. **Facility Respect:** Players may not disrespect the facilities we rent, which includes littering, vandalizing, and general disrespect for equipment and grounds. Players and other participants will be expected to abide by any additional rules set forth by the facilities we rent.
- f. **Chewing Seeds:** When prohibited, players may not chew seeds on the field of play or in the dugout. **Chewing seeds on or near turf fields is strictly prohibited.** If a player chews seeds on a turf field, that individual player is responsible for paying all costs associated with cleaning fees and fines. MBB will not be held responsible for these fees or fines.
- g. **Chewing Gum:** When prohibited, players may not chew gum on the field of play or in the dugout. **Chewing gum on or near turf fields is strictly prohibited.** If a player chews gum on a turf field, that individual player is responsible for paying all costs

associated with cleaning fees and fines. MBB will not be held responsible for these fees or fines.

- h. **Smoking:** Players may not smoke on the field of play or in the dugout.
- i. **Alcohol Use:** Facilities we rent for practices and games typically prohibit the use of alcohol. There will be no beer, or other alcoholic beverages, permitted on the field or dugout before, during, or after any game or event. Players should not drink alcohol before participating in MBB functions as it creates a liability. Intoxicated players will not be allowed to participate in any practice, game, league, tournament, and/or event.
- j. **Substance Abuse or Use of Illegal Drugs:** Players may not use illegal drugs at any time or be in an intoxicated state at any point before or during a practice, game, league, and/or tournament. Players guilty of such conduct will be immediately removed from further participation.
 - 1. Umpires and/or team officials have the sole discretion to remove players found to be in violation of Rules 1. (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g), or (h) from practices, games, leagues, tournaments, and/or events.
- k. **Administrative Delinquency:** Players are required to submit their waiver acknowledgement at the time they register. Players are also required to submit registration fees, practice fees, game fees, event fees, and/or club dues prior to playing in any practice, game, league, tournament, and/or event. Any player that has not acknowledged and agreed to the waiver, and/or has not submitted payment for practice fees, game fees, event fees, and/or club dues, cannot participate in any MBB practice, game, league, tournament, or event.

2. EQUIPMENT

- a. **Uniforms:** Players are not required to wear any specific uniform or clothing during MBB events.
- b. **Cleats:** Players may wear cleats with rubber or metal spikes. However, some facilities prohibit the use of metal spikes. Players will abide by any rules set forth by the facility. **Metal spikes are prohibited on turf fields, whether expressed by a rented facility or not.** If a player wears metal spikes on a turf field and is deemed to have caused damage to that field or facility, that individual player will be held responsible, financially and/or otherwise, for any and all costs associated with repairs, fees, and/or fines.
- c. **Batting Helmets:** All batters are required to wear a batting helmet while batting. All baserunners are required to wear a batting helmet while on base. Full, double-flapped helmets are encouraged. At a minimum, the batter's helmet must have an earflap on the side of the helmet facing the pitcher.
- d. **Catcher's Gear:** Any player that is playing the position of catcher must wear a minimum of a catcher's helmet (one or two-piece), chest protector, and leg guards. A protective cup is strongly encouraged.

- e. **Umpire's Gear:** Any participant performing the duties of an umpire behind the plate must wear a minimum of a protective helmet with a face guard and a chest protector. Leg guards and a protective cup are strongly encouraged. MBB does not provide protective equipment for umpires and any individual hired by MBB to perform the duties of an umpire will be required to supply this equipment on their own.
- f. **Balls:** Game balls will be provided by MBB. Balls are property of MBB and must be returned after the game.
- g. **Bats:** Only wood bats and/or composite wood bats are permitted to be used in MBB games.
- h. **Personal Equipment:** Players are required to supply their own equipment during practices, games, leagues, tournaments, and events. All equipment, including bats, gloves, helmets, and other protective equipment must be in safe, playable condition. MBB will take no responsibility or action if a player's personal equipment is broken, abused, stolen, misplaced, or otherwise mistreated.
- i. **Equipment Lending and Borrowing:** Players may only use their own equipment and are not permitted to use another player's equipment, unless it is permitted by the player who owns that equipment. Players should monitor the use of their equipment by other players. Players are solely responsible for monitoring the use of their own equipment by other players. MBB will take no responsibility or action if a player's personal equipment is broken, abused, stolen, misplaced, or otherwise mistreated.

3. GAME PROCEDURES

- a. **Game Length:** All scheduled games will last for seven innings. A two-hour time limit will be in place for games in which there is a field reservation for another organization following an MBB game. If no such reservation exists, then there is no time limit. Team captains and/or officials can agree to override this exception and implement a time limit if desired. Team members can also agree to implement a time limit by popular vote if desired. If the time limit is applicable, no inning will start after the time limit has expired.
 - i. In the event of a tie at the end of seven innings, the "Extra Innings Rule" will be put into effect.
 - ii. Extra Innings Rule: At the end of regulation, the batting team will begin with their last batted out at second base with zero outs and a fresh batting count. Play will continue until a team wins.
 - iii. The "Extra Innings Rule" will not apply if the time limit is in place and has expired. If the time limit has expired and the game is a tie score, the game will end in a tie.
- b. **Batting Order:** A batting lineup must be set prior to a game's first pitch. The batting order may not change during a game. Teams may choose to implement a

9 player (position players only), partial team (only players who want to bat) or full team (all participating players) batting lineup.

- c. **Substitutions:** All players may be substituted for, and re-enter the game defensively, at any time. Players may switch defensive positions at any time. Pitchers may be substituted for and re-enter the game one time, but not during the same inning in which they were removed. The pitcher may play any position, or no position at all, once removed.

4. OTHER RULES AND GUIDELINES

- a. **Player Age:** Players must be at least 18 years of age to participate in a baseball practice or game. There is no upper age limit.
- b. **Game Postponement/Cancellation:** Games can be postponed or cancelled at the discretion of MBB. Reasons for postponement or cancellation may include inclement weather, poor field conditions, low registration/expected turnout, or any reason deemed appropriate by MBB. All attempts will be made to not postpone or cancel games. If a game is cancelled and cannot be made up later, players will be refunded their game fee.
- c. **Refunds:** Players should only sign up to play if they know they will participate in practices and games. Registration fees and club dues will not be refunded to any player once the MBB season has started. Under no circumstance will a refund be issued to a player for the purchase of a custom game jersey or special-order apparel or equipment.

Player Signature: _____

Player Name: _____

Date: _____