

Madera High Baseball Player/Parent handbook

(Varsity/Junior Varsity/Frosh)

Welcome players and parents,

Let us first congratulate you and your son(s) for becoming part of the Coyote Baseball program. We as a coaching staff are very excited for the 2020-2021 Coyote Baseball program. We have many great young men with talents on and off the field. Our beautiful stadium continues to get upgrades as we strive to be the best. We will continue to upgrade our facility for our program and community. The Coyote Baseball program has many upcoming dates and events that we look forward to. These are exciting times for Coyote Baseball!

This handbook will cover important guidelines and policies that pertain to the Coyote Baseball program. We ask that you and your son(s) read through the packet, complete and sign the last page, and return it to Coach Underwood. Players will need to return the last sheet signed in order to participate in the upcoming school year.

Again, congratulations on becoming part of the Coyote Baseball program. We wish you all the best of luck this season.

Sincerely,

The Coyote Baseball Coaching Staff

Coaching Philosophy

There is no secret to success in the game of baseball and life. Hard work, attitude, and effort are the only things we can control. The better we can get the young men of this program to apply these practices into their daily lives the more real opportunities they will have in the game of baseball and life. I believe baseball is all about putting ourselves in the best possible situation to succeed and we do that by giving ourselves opportunities. Opportunities come through hard work, controlling our attitudes and efforts.

The Coyote Baseball program prides itself on playing the deserving players to win the game. The most deserving doesn't always mean the most talent, but rather the best players who followed the guidelines and team rules. To earn a spot on the field, Coyote Baseball players will have to demonstrate the following;

- a. Be able to take care of business in the classroom (Meet district and school requirements).
- b. Have a good rapport with teachers and administrators.
- c. Show extreme toughness on and off the field.
- d. Be able to make mature decisions and rise above peer pressure.
- e. Be able to compete at a high level.
- f. Understand and perform team concepts and practices.
- g. Be a great teammate and coachable young man.
- h. Must be willing to sacrifice in order to have success.
- i. Will have a continuous, relentless, commitment to improve.
- j. Show great resilience, because baseball is a game of failure.
- k. Commit to the program over all other organized baseball programs. This means travel baseball.

Our goal as a coaching staff is to see every young man who puts on a Coyote Baseball uniform succeed in life. We believe that through the Coyote Baseball program our young men will develop great character traits that will benefit their future. Our young men will become leaders in their community as they grow and develop into successful adults. They will learn how to deal with failure and figure out how to stand on their own two legs. Through high expectations and discipline our young men will become employable adults who can accomplish anything they set their minds to.

Coyote Baseball

Practice/Game Expectations

1. Practice is mandatory and every player is expected to participate.
2. Playing time is earned through performance on and off the field.
3. Players are expected to wear gray pants, blue baseball shirt, coyote baseball hat, blue belt and blue socks.
4. Being late to practice is not acceptable and can result in loss of playing time or demotion to a lower level if applicable.

5. Leaving early from practice is not acceptable and can result in loss of playing time or demotion to lower level if applicable.
6. All doctor/dentist appointments should be planned out in advance taking considerations for all academic and athletic time.
7. Excused absences (Examples)- Family emergencies and educational conflicts.
8. Unexcused absences (Examples)- Birthday parties, hair appointments, player work/job
9. Absences and tardiness on and off the field can lead to removal from the team which will be at the discretion of the coaching staff and athletic director (repeat offenders).
10. If a player is going to miss practice for whatever reason he must contact Coach Underwood. Step one is to talk to Coach Underwood in person. Step two is contact Coach Underwood via email. (andyunderwood@maderausd.org)
11. If players are not participating in fall or winter sports they are expected to be fully invested into the fall baseball program.
12. Every player is expected and will be given jobs to help set up and break down practices. This can take between 10-30 minutes.
13. Parents are not allowed in either dugout during practice or games. Parents can watch practice from the bleachers if they desire but is not recommended for the growth and development of the individual player.
14. Players are **NOT ALLOWED** to leave the dugouts during the game unless it is to chase a foul ball or to use the bathroom. Players are not to talk to anyone outside the dugout or fence during games.

Medical

1. Two emergency procedure cards must be filled out completely and returned to Coach Underwood. One card will stay with the coach and the other card will be given to the athletic trainer.
2. All baseball players must have a current physical on record with our athletic department. If you have any questions please call or email Bianca Ramirez who is our athletic secretary.
Phone- 559-675-4663
Email- biancaramirez@maderausd.org
3. All baseball players and parents must go online at www.familyid.com and complete the registration
4. All items listed above must be completed and players must be cleared by Bianca Ramirez (athletic secretary) in order to practice or play.
5. If a player gets injured during baseball PE, practice or a game they must report it to a coach immediately. The coaches will then follow protocol and take the necessary steps.

ACADEMICS

1. District and athletic department policies will be in place for athletes to be eligible to play.
2. Players will be expected to maintain a 2.0 or better. We encourage all players to earn a 3.5 or better if they have ambition of playing beyond high school.
3. Players are responsible for checking in with teachers weekly and taking a professional approach to their education.
4. Players are expected to turn in missing assignments and make up tests with teachers during their free time such as before school, break, and lunch. (During distance learning students will be required to turn in all assignments on time).
5. Players are expected to be leaders in the classroom and be prepared every day.
6. We encourage players to request the opportunity to sit in the front of the classroom and stay focused.
7. Weekly grade checks will be done. A print out of grades will be sent home for players and parents to sign and return. This will be a weekly grade.

VALUES

1. Attitude and effort are the only things we can control on and off the field.
2. Being a MHS Baseball Player is something special. Be a good teammate!!
3. Being a part of the Coyote Baseball program is earned and **not a right**.
4. Profanity will not be tolerated. Don't swear!!
5. No player will argue with an umpire at any time. They are seldom responsible for your success; so don't blame them for your failure. Transfer of blame is not accepted in this program. Don't place blame on others for any lack of success.
6. No throwing of helmets or equipment.
7. Parents please understand that you are the biggest supporters of not only your son, but the program as a whole. It is easy to get disgruntled, which in turn, can lead to badmouthing the program, coaches, or other players. Please refrain from talking bad about the program while in the stands, or anywhere on the premises of the facility. Negativity is the one killer to building a strong cohesive unit. Your sons look at how you act as a guide for how they should act. Please support your son, love him, and encourage him to work hard.

If you have a question and would like a meeting, here is protocol:

1. Player to Coach (and Staff)
2. Parent to Coach (and Staff)
3. Parent to AD & Coach – contact to set up meeting
 - A. All discussions should focus on individual questions or concerns.
 - B. The performance and ability of other players will not be a subject of discussion. This is contrary to our team values of mutual respect and support.
 - C. Before leaving any meeting, be sure to clarify and summarize your thoughts and feelings. This will ensure that everyone involved has a clear understanding of the meeting's outcome.

D. Do not attempt to confront a coach before/during/after practice or game.

These are emotional times for coaches, players and parents. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution. **THINGS NOT APPROPRIATE TO DISCUSS:** Team strategy, play calling, playing time, other student athletes.

Please allow a 24 hour “cool off period” after game before contacting Coach Underwood.

E. PLEASE ALLOW UP TO 24 HOURS FOR RESPONSE TO CALLS/EMAILS.

Response time is usually less than that, but please respects our time with our families. Coach Underwood will not answer a phone call, text or email after practice in respect to family time.

Social Media

1. Social media such as Facebook and Twitter can be viewed by anyone in the general public, and therefore can contain information that could be an embarrassment to yourself, your family, your school and program. Any information posted that is considered detrimental to the Madera High School, the Coyote Baseball program, Coyote Baseball players and coaching staff is prohibited and can result in removal from team. **Be careful on what you post!!!!**
2. College coaches and MLB scouts all look at social media and will find a way to view your profile if they have interest in making an investment in you.
3. All team information and printouts will be online at www.coyotebaseball.net
4. Twitter- Last minute changes will be made on Twitter. Twitter handle is @madera_baseball
5. All-important notices will be sent out through parent square.

Dear Parents and Players,

All parents and players must sign this document in order to play fall and spring baseball. By signing this document you agree to and understand the program expectatins and guidelines. Please return this document signed to Coach Underwood and keep the handbook for your own records. Players will not be allowed to practice until this document has been turned in.

Player: _____

Date: _____

Parent: _____

Date: _____

Head Coach: _____

Date: _____

Athletic Director: _____

Date: _____