

## **I. Team Policies & Rules:**

### **A. Players will abide by the following policies/rules-**

1. Do nothing that would embarrass the team or one's teammates.
2. Adhere to all Minnetonka Public School Policies as well as specific standards established by the coaching staff.
3. Attend Class.
4. Sleep and eat properly.
5. Be on time to practices and games. (The bus does not wait nor do coaches.)
6. Communicate directly with coaches about any potential problems that will involve you and /or team.
7. Show respect to Family, Teammates, Umpires, Fans, and the game of Baseball.
8. Uniforms will be worn properly from top to bottom.
9. Hair will be cut and trimmed properly.
10. No facial hair and clean shaven on game day. (Sideburns no longer than bottom of ear.)
11. Spikes will be shined or cleaned on Game Day.
12. Hustle is not only expected it is demanded at all times.

Consequences that are not related to MHS or MSHSL policies will be dealt with on a one-on-one basis by the coaching staff. You are representing yourself most of the time so, trust your judgment. If you question it-it is not right for you!

## **II. Team related activities:**

### **A. Players will be involved with the following-**

1. "Baseball Buddies" Program

This is a program that we will do with **Sunrise Retirement Center**. We will have coaches and players involved activities at Sunrise and their clients.

2. "The Blue Panthers" Program

This group will be the **Sunrise** clients that will come to as fans of Minnetonka High School Baseball. (These fans will be the people that have come to know us through our activities at the retirement center.)

3. Veterans Groups-TBD.

## **III. MHS Fees/Registration:**

Before players can tryout they are required to have fees paid, a physical on record not older than three years, a signed MSHSL eligibility form, and an Emergency Card filled out for Baseball. (If any of the above is not complete, the player will not be able to tryout.) Participation fee is \$60 and is paid only one time a year. The Activity Fee for baseball is \$108 per athlete.

### **Tryout Criteria:**

1. Skills will be evaluated by all coaches for all teams-10<sup>th</sup>/Junior Varsity/Varsity.
2. Areas to be evaluated-
  - a. Hitting
  - b. Bunting (Sacrifice/Drag/Push/Squeeze)
  - c. Throwing (Strength and Accuracy)
  - d. Fielding (Ground Balls and Fly balls)
  - e. Running (60 yd/Home to 1<sup>st</sup>/Home to 2<sup>nd</sup>/Home to Home/Agility Speed)
  - f. Team Drills (Cuts & Relays/Pre-game Infield)
  - g. Hustle
  - h. Game Intelligence (Situations)
  - i. Pitching (Pitch Control/Number of Pitches with Control/Velocity/Arm Action)

All Players that make a team for 2007 are expected to be at all practices. Any questions that are related to any or all the baseball information presented here need to contact **Coach Twenge** directly at **(952)401-5902**.

Minnetonka Baseball Teams will be good sons, good citizens, good leaders, good students, good teammates, and the 1<sup>st</sup> team on the field-1<sup>st</sup> team off the field-1<sup>st</sup> player waiting for the opponent's pitcher to pitch.

**We Will Be Ready To Play!**