

POLICIES ON CHILD ABUSE/MOLESTATION

Limit One on One Contact: Babe Ruth League recommends that no activities shall take place involving one on one contact between a single, non-related volunteer and a child, if such activities can be practically avoided. Instead, a “buddy system” is encouraged where two (2) adults should always be present during practices, games, carpooling and special events.

Prohibition of Sleepovers: It is recommended that players traveling to tournaments and staying in hotels either be accompanied by his/her parent or be supervised by two (2) adults who are in each other’s presence at all times.

Verbal Conduct Policy: In appropriate comments of a sexual nature and suggestive jokes are prohibited.

Take Home/Pick Up: Take home/pick-up of athletes by league personnel is strongly discouraged because of the difficulty in limiting one on one contact between adult and child (remember the Buddy System). Parent(s) should make every effort to provide transportation for their own children to and from scheduled events. The local league should clearly outline the expected start and end time for all events and communicate this with all parent(s). Parent(s) should be instructed to make back-up plans in the event they can’t provide transportation. If parent(s) can’t provide transportation they must communicate to the coach/manager the name of the person(s) who are authorized to pick up the child.

Child Abuse Protection: All forms of sexual, physical, verbal and emotional abuse are prohibited.