

The Little Things. . .

(The following is a list of some of the “other intangibles” that coaches look at in determining a player’s asset and readiness to contribute to the TEAM’s success - some are repeated from position listings for emphasis; work on these aspects of your game as well as the fundamentals and skills to be an all-around TEAM player)

Dugout

Mentally “into” the game
Prepared to play
Jogging/stretching/swinging
Have fun - no pouting
Chatter - get off your duff
Chase foul balls
Warm-up players between innings
Help with field maintenance
Help with equipment
Remember your gear

Infielders

HUSTLE
Relay the ball in from outfield
to the base whether there’s a
play or not
COMMUNICATE
Keep the ball in front of you
Know the game situations
(worth a dive with two outs, etc.)

Outfielders

HUSTLE
Back up everything
Attack the ball
ALWAYS HIT THE CUTOFF
Know the game situation
Crisp throws all the time
COMMUNICATE
Get a good jump on the ball

Pitchers

HUSTLE
Never give up an 0-2 hit
Positive body language
Work fast/THROW STRIKES

Catchers

HUSTLE - back up bases
Work with coach/pitchers
Call a smart game

Batting/Running

HUSTLE - take extra bases - pressure opponent’s defense
Batting: Make contact, good bunter, bat control (hit and run, etc.)
Don’t make an easy out on hitter’s counts (0-0, 1-0, 2-0, 3-1)
Advance runners (2nd base - right side, 3rd base - score ‘em)
Know the coach’s signs
Never make the third out at 3B
Never get picked off in a hit and run situation
Know how to use your coach and when to advance on your own