

Ten Ways to Help a Manager

1. Offer to help with the little things like field preparation or repair, concession stand staffing, emptying the dugout trash cans, candy sale collection, or team picture day coordination.
2. Keep things positive in the stands. Parents should applaud good plays in the field by either team but should never criticize a player, coach, or umpire from the stands.
3. Don't coach through the fence. Our managers and coaches need their players' full attention during practices and games. Leave the coaching to the coaches and keep in mind that what you're trying to tell a player might not be what the coaches want on the field.
4. Pick up trash around the stands after your practice or game. If you don't, the coaches are expected to.
5. Keep a close watch on young children - - especially your own. They should not be playing in the dirt piles or batting cages. If children are throwing rocks or sticks, pushing or fighting, or damaging property, tell them to stop and send them to their parents.
6. Understand that our managers are trying to strike a challenging balance teaching baseball skills, getting all players in the game, and giving the team a chance to win. This is harder than it looks. If you have a question or concern, arrange a time to talk to the manager privately and calmly.
7. Ask the most important question for a developing baseball player: "Coach, what can I work on with my child at home that would help him or her to be a better player?"
8. Remember that a KPB team manager is the person responsible for the conduct of his coaches, his players, and his team's parents and fans.
9. Do your best to get your child to practices and games on time.
10. Remember that our managers and coaches are volunteers who put in additional hours of preparation for every practice and game your child participates in. They have families and jobs too. Take a moment every now and then to thank them for what they do for your team and our community.

Thank you!