



## FOUR BASES OF CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

The core values of the Junior Giants program stem from the Four Bases of Character Development: **CONFIDENCE, INTEGRITY, LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK**. These lessons help distinguish Junior Giants as a program that teaches its players the importance of being a good teammate and respecting the game of baseball.

All leagues are required to do the following:

- Explain to **parents** the concept of the Four Bases of Character Development during your **First Pitch Meeting**. This will ensure everyone begins the season on the same page regarding the Junior Giants philosophy of playing.
- Regularly remind **coaches** about the importance of promoting the Four Bases of Character Development with their team. This lesson should be established right away at the **Pre-season Coaches Meeting**.
- Encourage all coaches and assistant coaches to utilize their **Coaches Handbook** (pages 1-8) for specific character development drills and games they can play with their team.
- Be creative about promoting the Four Bases of Character Development at games throughout the season, such as hang posters that display the Four Bases.
- Remind coaches to take time before or after practice/games to focus on one of the Four Bases of Character Development.
- Utilize the Take Me Out to the Ball Game cards as a tool to teach and reward players that know and exemplify the Four Bases. *Please see Take Me Out to the Ball Game checklist.*