



# KNOCK TOBACCO OUT OF THE PARK



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*Major League Baseball, players, managers and teams agree that it's time to take tobacco out of baseball.*

### Major League Baseball, Statement, Feb. 24, 2015

"Major League Baseball has long supported a ban of smokeless tobacco at the Major League level... We ardently believe that children should not use or be exposed to smokeless tobacco, and we support the spirit of this initiative in California and any others that would help achieve this important goal."

### Los Angeles Dodgers, Team Statement, Aug. 9, 2015

"Major League Baseball has long supported a ban of smokeless tobacco at the Major League level and the Los Angeles Dodgers fully support the Los Angeles City Tobacco ordinance and Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids."

### Boston Red Sox, Team Statement, Aug. 5, 2015

"We all know the horrific and tragic stories of ballplayers who have suffered the consequences of using smokeless tobacco...Our focus on baseball—and on bringing children closer to the game—fortify our resolve to cooperate in this effort."

### Bruce Bochy, San Francisco Giants manager, MLB.com, May 9, 2015

"It's a step in the right direction. I think it can be a good thing."

### Madison Bumgarner, San Francisco Giants pitcher, MLB.com, May 8, 2015

"Hopefully it will be a positive thing for us players. It's not an easy thing to stop doing, but I support the city."

### Mike Napoli, Texas Rangers player, *The Boston Globe*, Aug. 5, 2015

"I totally understand we're role models for kids and kids shouldn't be doing that. ... I will follow the law if there is one. ... It's part of baseball and has been for a long time. But I hope people don't think we're promoting it. That's not anybody's intention."

### J.P. Howell, Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher, *The Los Angeles Times*, April 23, 2015

"I'm for it. It should be enforced. It's common sense. It's a filthy habit. I do it. Maybe it will help me quit."

### John Farrell, Red Sox manager, *The Boston Globe*, Aug. 5, 2015

"Us in uniform are examples to the youth in Boston. We recognize we're in the public eye. I think it's upon us to put forth a positive image."

### Brandon Crawford, San Francisco Giants player, CBS San Francisco, April 21, 2015

"I definitely don't think it's a good idea for kids, or really anybody for that matter. It's known to cause cancer."

### Don Mattingly, Dodgers manager and former MLB player, *The Los Angeles Times*, April 22, 2015

[*On quitting chewing*] "The TV is always on you, and if you're dipping, kids are seeing it. It just got to the point where I didn't want to be that guy."

### Curt Schilling, former Red Sox pitcher, former chewer, oral cancer survivor, Aug. 5, 2015

"If I had not seen baseball players chewing before I tried it, I would never have tried it. I would never have even thought about it.... It doesn't belong here on little league fields. It doesn't belong at big league parks."