

# [***San Francisco Giants Manager Bob Melvin Implements New Policy Requiring Players To Stand For National Anthem***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BGF-B301-DXXD-71WV-00000-00&context=1516831)

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The San Francisco Giants' new manager Bob Melvin is implementing a policy that will require everyone in the dugout to stand for the U.S. national anthem, USA Today reported.

In sharp contrast to his predecessor [*Gabe Kapler*](https://dailycaller.com/2019/04/23/phillies-mets-bryce-harper-ump-ejection-thrown-out/), who stopped appearing on the field for the anthem after the 2022 mass shooting at Robb Elementary School in [*Uvalde, Texas*](https://dailycaller.com/2022/06/23/tell-them-to-wait-radio-logs-uvalde-school-police-chief-hesitating-crucial-moment/), per USA Today. Additionally, Kapler kneeled during the anthem in the wake of the [*George Floyd riots*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/01/25/george-floyd-protesters-to-get-10-million-from-seattle-in-lawsuit-settlement/), the outlet also reported.

“It has nothing to do with whatever happened in the past or whatever, it's just something I embrace,” Melvin told USA Today's Bob Nightengale.

Giants manager Bob Melvin implements national anthem policy for his new team [*https://t.co/XyJY8m81P4*](https://t.co/XyJY8m81P4)

- Bob Nightengale (@BNightengale) [*March 4, 2024*](https://twitter.com/BNightengale/status/1764646273800614294?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

Melvin insisted the decision wasn't political, but rather, it's about presenting a united front.

“Look, we're a new team here, we got some good players here,” Melvin told USA Today. “It's more about letting the other side know that we're ready to play. I want guys out here ready to go. There's a personality to that.”

Melvin also noted that he implemented the same rule in his previous managerial stints in San Diego and Oakland, per USA Today. [***(RELATED: Crybaby MLB Ace Mad Beefy Slugger Took His Time On A Home Run Trot ... Maybe Don't Give Up Home Runs, Bud)***](https://dailycaller.com/2024/03/02/crybaby-mlb-major-league-baseball-gerrit-cole-mad-slugger-daniel-vogelbach-took-time-home-run-trot-yankees-blue-jays/)

“You want your team ready to play and I want the other team to notice it, too,” Melvin claimed, according to the outlet. “It's as simple as that. They're embracing it.”

I love this. [*Baseball*](https://dailycaller.com/2024/03/04/philadelphia-phillies-zack-wheeler-most-expensive-extension-pitcher/) is our national past time. It's so quintessentially American. It just doesn't seem right to have any anti-patriotic behavior occurring on the baseball diamond. Taking that decision out of your players' hands makes it simple and easy for everybody to be on the same page.

Plus I love that he noted this isn't about ***politics***. Patriotism isn't political. People from both sides of the ideological spectrum can and should love and appreciate their country. I know I do.

**Graphic**

SURPRISE, ARIZONA - FEBRUARY 25: Manager Bob Melvin #6 of the San Francisco Giants looks on against the Texas Rangers during a spring training game at Surprise Stadium on February 25, 2024 in Surprise, Arizona. Norm Hall/Getty Images

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