

Player and Parent Contract

This contract's main purpose is so that the players and parents will know from the start, what our expectations as coaches are and what you may expect of us.

Our goal is to have a successful season and for each player to grow in his abilities as a player and a person.

Within reason, we treat our players as if they are already in College, therefore the ownership of communication whether good or bad, lies on them and not the parent.

We expect all parties involved with this team to be respectful and encouraging. Some of our guidelines are as follows:

There will be NO cursing at all allowed from the players, coaches or family members.

There will be NO derogatory comments about race or nationality. Respect the Game!

There will be NO slamming of equipment either on the field or in the dugout.

There will be NO arguing with the officials, from the players or parents.

The coaches will address any issues with the officials, NOT the players or parent/s.

Not all calls are even allowed to be overturned by rules.

Arguing some specific calls is automatic ejection.

Typically with only two umpires on the field there will come a time they will miss a call for being at a bad angle.

We typically see the same umpires several times during the season so we want a ongoing favorable relationship.

We have found if we discretely and respectfully tell an umpire he/she made a bad call, we will typically get a makeup call in our favor.

With that said it is the coaches discretion to argue any call while making a determination if it is worth arguing even if the call was wrong.

There are times where the game length, game score, and physical temperature will determine the size of the strike zone. The umpire will tell us and we will tell our players to make necessary adjustments, but we do not feel the necessity to announce it to everyone else.

There will be NO favoritism allowed on this team. Each player is to be treated equally.

There will be NO cell phone usage during practice or games. If there is a valid reason for usage please let us know ahead of time.

Girlfriends are not allowed near the dugout, this is not date time.

Players that drive need to observe park rules, no speeding.

There will be a "24" hr period after a game before approaching any of the coaching staff with any constructive criticism. As coaches we are human, and we will take some risky decisions, some may work out to our advantage and some may just end up bad. We expect our players to talk with us. There are times where we will tell our players point blank something like, "my bad, I'm sorry, I messed that up, that was a bad decision by me, but thanks for doing what I said, that's on me"

Eating full meals in the during games is not allowed. Please be smart healthy athletes in what you eat before a game or in between games.

Players are to be respectful to coaches including other team coaches.

Players are to be respectful to adults, especially their parents while a part of this team.

Parents are to be respectful to all players, especially their own.

Coaches are required to be respectful of the players and parents.

Just like college...just because you made the team does not guarantee any playing time. That is earned through your practice, effort, progress, and experience. (Please note age and size are also a factor. For safety reasons we are not going to put a small 9th grade 3rd baseman against a team that the size of the lineup looks like they are all seniors in College will full grown beards) This is not recreation ball. There will be games where over 50% of the roster will not play. We typically carry a minimum of 24 players, but only 9 can take the field. During the course of the year we will typically designate some games as development exhibition game for the purpose of introducing all players to game experience. (Yes, we still want to win these games, but honestly, these games will be treated and coached with a different overall objective.)

School comes first! If your baseball is interfering with your grades then you need to be doing homework instead of practicing. We often have players who sit in the stands to complete homework before practice. Parents if your youth is struggling in school please let us know so we can encourage both you and the youth.

We expect each player to give 100% while a part of this team. Not hustling will be considered as fatigue or injury and we will pull you out of the lineup or practice. This includes warmups, stretching, practice times, and your behavior in the dugout while not in the game. Please remember coaches and scouts are observing your behavior at all times especially when plays may not have gone as you desired or times when you are not involved in the actual play or game.

If you are injured or hurt, do not try to "man up", let us know immediately. Our job as coaches is to keep you well and safe over the long period of the season and for your future.

Keep us informed of any extra workouts (pitching or hitting) so that we do not cause harm to arms, elbows, rotator cuffs, etc. (Pitch counts are in effect and vary as the season progresses)

This includes your summer travel ball teams which sometime overlap the end of our spring season.

Exercise, stretching, and running are expected and mandatory. We believe in physical conditioning.

We also want you to enjoy the game of baseball and learn. There will be times when you are required to learn and memorize plays as well commands.

If you are not able to make a game or practice, contact one of the coaches well in advance. (You still have to run even if you notified us.)

We are part of a Christian school, so we will pray before games, we will encourage Christ-like character and sportsmanship. Our goal is to conduct ourselves in a manner that represents the values of the school and Christ.

Player (Print Name)

Player Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian (Print Name)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date