

2026 / 2027 River Dogs Baseball Program Contract

Commitment to Excellence



As a River Dogs Travel Baseball Program player, I understand that the difference between being ordinary and being extraordinary is a little extra effort. I understand that wanting to win on the day of the game is worth nothing unless I have the will to prepare to win before the day of the game. So that I might be the best player and team member that I can become, I promise to do the following.

1. I promise to arrange my schedule so that I can practice regularly and on time, and to participate in scheduled games and tournaments.
2. I promise to work hard at practice to improve my skills and my understanding of the game.
3. I promise that, at practice, I will give the coaches my full attention. **When the coaches are talking, I will stop talking, keep my ears open, and my eyes on the coaches.** I will not distract others during the practice session.
4. I promise to do whatever is asked of me on the baseball field, without complaining, for the good of the team.
5. I promise always to encourage, and never to criticize, my teammates.
6. I promise always to hustle, and never to quit, until practice or the game is over.
7. I promise to come to each game on time, well rested, and with an attitude that says -- "It may be difficult, but I believe that we can win."
8. **Mandatory practices** will start the week of **February 1st** with specific dates to be announced.
9. We have a hard season start date of **April 5th** and a **hard end date of July 25th**.
10. Spring break weeks are designated for the weeks of **March 22nd to April 4th**. Any player missing practice during these two weeks for family vacation **will not** be subject to a one game suspension.
11. Winter workouts and practices are not mandatory but are strongly encouraged. Players can and should attend as many as possible.
12. Communication with my coach regarding my absence beforehand is key. If a lengthy illness or injury of any kind becomes a factor, the Head Coach must be notified promptly.
13. Understand that the coaches decide line-ups, who plays, and how much playing time is given. Because this is a travel team, I also realize that all players won't play the same number of innings or games.
14. Realize that this is a TEAM game, and I will try my best to hustle and do whatever I can to help the team. Any personal goals I have are secondary to team goals.

As River Dogs parents, we fully understand and have discussed with our son the commitments described above. We also realize that we need to be positive and supportive of the team, coaches and all players. We must behave accordingly at games and all River Dogs functions.

Parents are asked to stay away from the dugout during games and allow coaches to coach. While this is not easy, providing potentially conflicting messages during a game can be confusing to a player and a parent's presence at the dugout may contribute negatively to his ability to focus. This includes helping your player with his equipment after the game. The coaches will make sure nothing is left behind. Parents are also asked to hold all questions or concerns that they may have for a 24-to-48-hour window after any game in order to give the coaches time to review the game.

Fees for the 2027 season will be \$1,000. The payment schedule is as follows:

- \$250.00 due **Within 48** hours of offer and the signing of player commitment / contract.
- \$250.00 due on September 1st
- \$250.00 due on October 1st
- \$250.00 due on November 1st

Sponsorship Contributions & Fundraising Commitment: For every sponsorship received, **50% of the total will be allocated toward player fees.** Additionally, we will be organizing several fundraisers throughout the season, and all players are expected to participate in some capacity.

All payments and contracts can be given directly to the head coach, mailed or dropped off to:

River Dogs Baseball

26625 Carronade Dr
Perrysburg, OH 43551

or

Venmo Team Coordinator Patricia Crane @RIVERDOGS-12U

Email signed contract to: email@riverdogstravelbaseball.com

Refund Policy: A **full refund**, minus the cost of the uniform (which includes the hat, helmet, and bag), will be issued for cancellations made **on or before February 1, 2027**. A **partial refund** may be issued for cancellations made **between February 2 and April 4, 2027**, prior to the start of the season. **No refunds** will be provided **after the season begins on April 7, 2027**, if a player voluntarily chooses not to participate.

By signing the contract and submitting the first deposit, you acknowledge and agree to the terms of this refund policy.

Print Player's First & Last Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

As a River Dogs Travel Baseball parent, I pledge my support for my son in meeting this commitment.

Print Parent / Guardian's First & Last Name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Player's DOB: ____/____/____

Player's 2025 / 2026 Grade: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Parent Phone ____-____-____ Email: _____

Congratulations and welcome to the team!

Jeff Crane, Head Coach

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Matt Gilliland, Assistant Coach

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Pattee Crane, Team Coordinator

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TALENT gets you on the field & ATTITUDE keeps you there!