

#### **OUR MISSION**

Baseball and Softball are truly magical games. It is everything we see in the great baseball movies "The Natural" and "Field of Dreams" to "Sandlot", "Major League" and "Bull Durham" and everything in between. It's such a parallel to life. Simple and complex at the same time. The game can humble you and make you a hero...in a matter of innings or over the course of a season or career. It's an ongoing test and as such it commands respect. Great baseball players who are both amazing people and humble hold the mark of true champions and inspire others. This is the heart of Club321 and why it was created.

Club 321 Baseball & Softball provides a higher level of competition for talented and motivated Brevard County FL area players with a commitment to improving their skills in a team focused environment. We strive to be an effective growth track for committed players to develop their game from the Little League fields, high school fields, baseball showcase and scout teams into playing baseball as an adult.

Teams at every age level will work hard to win games while good sportsmanship and teamwork will be a priority as our kids develop into the higher levels of competitive baseball. We will push players towards excellence, not perfection. Baseball & Softball challenges players to



become resilient to making mistakes and to take every opportunity with intensity to learn how to learn from our successes and our failures.

Ultimately, the development of skills and team focused play will be the guideline for our program, which we believe will create better baseball & softball players and better people.

The goal of Club 321 Travel Baseball & Softball is to develop players so they can continue playing to whatever level they want to play and inspire them to play for as long as they can. To create a blueprint for life beyond the diamond and into the classroom, office and beyond to whatever path lies ahead. We will achieve this goal by building players to be:

- LEADERS Be a great sportsman, accountable and responsible to ourselves and our team... accept the rewards and consequences of our behavior... do the work, give maximum effort... show the way through good examples. Have disciplined routines and inspire teammates to do the same.
- RELENTLESS Striving to get better intentionally at every opportunity...showing discipline, intensity, integrity and humility all the time accepting advice and criticism in an effort to improve...



- COMPETITORS Possessing a deep determination and desire to improve... having pride in ourselves and never giving up... getting up one more time than we are knocked down... being tougher than our opponents every play and every day.
- AGGRESSIVE Stepping to the plate determined to make good swing decisions based on the situation and hitting strikes hard...hustling all the time... being willing to take calculated risks and make mistakes... playing with concentration, passion, and intensity... always giving maximum effort.
- DEDICATED Being well conditioned through proper training and diet...attending every practice and working hard every minute...staying focused to reduce mental errors...disciplining ourselves to follow team rules and guidelines...Working on skills development outside of team practice.
- LOYAL Thinking in terms of "WE" instead of "I" ... sacrificing for the good of the team... respecting the organization and our teammates... communicating with the team and having a plan every pitch... knowing the game situations, knowing the signs, and KNOWING OUR JOB Ultimately, this is a kid's game and fun is the name of the game, but we know it's a lot more fun when the hard work pays off and the game becomes easier!



#### **Travel Baseball Parents:**

It is important that you feel comfortable with our approach while participating in travel baseball and on our team. For our upcoming fall season, our goal is to pursue our team goals of, on and off the field teamwork, dedication, loyalty, discipline, hard work, and a never quit attitude. Practices will be tough as the coaching staff will push the team to their limits and prepare them for the rigors of long tournaments. Our success will be judged not by the score of games but by our reputation on and off the playing field.

#### **Objective of our Program:**

Our program is designed to teach your son the fundamental skills and advanced strategy of a higher-level baseball program. While we believe the competitive nature of our program is a player's development; the competitive element can become destructive if our participants lose sight of the basic purpose of our program; to teach. We will coach and teach at a higher level, allow the boys to grow to young men and treat your child with respect and without the verbal berating that frequently occurs in youth sports.

#### **Commitment:**

For our program to be successful, it is imperative that players and parents understand the level of commitment required. Players are required to attend practices. We can assure you that your son will receive the highest level of instruction, as we will utilize all avenues available to us (and within our budget) as we move through the season. This will include utilizing other coaches, speakers, and high school player participation. Upon leaving the club player forfeits any funds raised through club fundraisers and player account balance.

#### Playing Time:

There is no guarantee of playing time for any participant as playing time is based on a players skill set and effort during practice as well as game success. The manner in which playing time is distributed will largely depend on the skill level of the team that we are facing and the game situation. In situations, such as games with tough teams or tournament play, playing time will not be evenly distributed.



#### **Position Assignments:**

Position assignments will be made based on each player's abilities and the line up that makes the team the most competitive. During competitive game situations, players will be placed in positions that make the team the most competitive. These decisions will be based on the judgment of the coaching staff. Batting lineups will be a function of trying to do the best of the team. Each child will be spoken to prior to the season and given clear instructions on where we see the best position(s) to help the team.

#### Travel:

One of the benefits of this type of team is the travel. We will try to keep it local, but we may have 2-3 tournaments that may require overnight stay. When that occurs, we will try and stay at the same hotel. We do this for your kids and for building the team off the field, as this is very important.

#### **Team Building:**

We plan on scheduling Team Building events throughout the season. Some events may be pool parties, bowling at a fun venue or just a fun event at the field. These events help the boys work on communication and working as a team. Baseball is a team sport not an individual sport. We want them to love the game and respect the game.

#### **Equipment:**

Every player should own their own gear, glove, helmet, bat and catcher's gear if you are a catcher. Players get excited about other players' new gear. Please make sure to ask permission for your child to use their teammates gear. Please don't abuse the use of the other teammates' equipment.



#### Fees:

Tournaments fees will be determined on the amount of players on the team divided by the cost of the tournament. All players are expected to pay regardless of being in attendance or not. Which may vary from tournament to tournament. Expect each one to be anywhere from \$45 to \$65. You can expect 7-10 tournaments for the season.

#### Fundraising:

Each player will have the opportunity to offset their cost for Travel Ball, with the opportunity to Fund Raise. Fundraising will be in the form of Bucket Drops, Raffles, Sponsorships, and a variety of other miscellaneous fundraisers. All funds raised are donations to Club321 to offset the cost of your child's travel ball experience. If you choose to leave the club for any particular reason, and there is a balance on your child's account, those funds will remain with the club. No refunds or checks will be issued to anyone who leaves the club with an account balance.

## Club 321SportsCast Team Expenses: Dues are to be paid no later than the 5th of each month.

- If your monthly due is not paid by the 5th of the month, the coach and parent will receive
  an email stating such, and the player will not be allowed to participate until those dues
  are current.
- Payments preferred via Zelle to Club321baseball@gmail.com but also can be made via Visa/Mastercard/Discover/or Amex through Paypal on the Club321 website.
- \$120 upfront for 4 jerseies (tops) and \$28 for one hat, player provides their own pants and accessories. Additional tops may be required in addition to the base price listed.
- \$75 monthly cost for basic membership includes one mandatory team practice per week. This does not include tournament fees.
- OR \$150 monthly cost, includes basic membership as well as two additional skill specific academy style practices per week with speed and agility and form throwing work. This does not include tournament fees.
- \$45-\$70 estimate per tournament, which includes Entry, Gate (for most), Umpires, and this will be divided by all players playing.
- Discounted Dingers Membership will be arranged through Dingers Training Center



### **Player Code of Conduct Agreement**

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I understand that travel Baseball is a highly competitive sport and there are **no guarantees** as to the amount of playing time or position that I will play during games. I will agree to listen and follow the instructions of the Team Manager and Coaching Staff at ALL TIMES.

I understand my attendance at all games, practices, team meetings and scrimmages is important to the Team's success.

I agree to display good sportsmanship, positive behavior, cheer on my teammates, take pride in personal and team accomplishments, and accept winning or defeat with dignity at all times.

#### Obey and understand the following:

- Learn the rules of the game.
- Arrive 10 minutes before a scheduled practice.
- Arrive 1 hour before a scheduled game.
- During games: I understand that team rules require me and my teammates to remain in the dugout and/or on the bench while the game is going on AT ALL TIMES. I am not allowed to sit with the parents or with the spectators, even if I am not in the game. (Excused illnesses only)
- Take care and wear my uniform properly at all times. Shirts must be tucked in at all times.
- I will have my own helmet, glove, and equipment necessary to play the game.
- During the game, I will know where my equipment is at all times.



- While in the dugout, I will cheer on my teammates. No horseplay will be tolerated. I will pay attention to the game on the field and while in the dugout at all times. No junk food in the dugout.
- I will watch and pay attention to base running instructions from the base coaches and not from fans watching the game, including parents.
- Be polite to everyone you are playing with and against. Do not show attitude to an umpire if you disagree with his/her call. Let the coaches handle any disagreements.
- Show good sportsmanship and respect the game.
- In every game, a team has to lose. Don't make up excuses or blame a teammate. If you make a mistake, whether it is fielding or batting, let it go!! Don't dwell on it. We are not perfect, we learn from our mistakes.
- A group becomes a team when each player is sure enough of himself and his contribution to praise the skills of others. We need to all work together if we are working towards having a successful year.
- Respect all adults! We do not want to hear any rude remarks or talking back to any adult in a negative way on or off the field.
- Know and respect your manager/coaches. Manager/Coaches invest an enormous amount of time teaching you the game of baseball/Softball.

I am aware and understand that there will be consequences for not following these rules and that they are:

- Change of playing position and/or reduced playing time.
- Change of place in the batting order.
- Removal from the game/lineup
- Running laps, sprints, etc.
- Released from the team.



# Club321, Core Baseball, TBR and Dingers Training Center Liability Release

#### **Liability and Assumption of Risk Agreement**

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in any Club321, Core Baseball, TBR and/or Dingers Training Center related events and activities... I, the undersigned participant, parent, or legal guardian, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that I or my dependent is choosing to participate in inherently dangarous sports activities and by participating in Club321, Core Baseball, TBR and/or Dingers related events and activities, there are certain risks to me arising from or related to such activities.

I, for myself or for my minor children or ward(s), and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, beneficiaries, executors, administrators, personal representatives, and next of kin, HEREBY EXPRESSLY RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, AND FOREVER DISCHARGE Club321, Core Baseball, TBR and/or Dingers Training Center and its officers, officials, agents, representatives, employees, other participants, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable, owners, stakeholders, instructors and lessors of premises upon which related events and activities take place (the "Released Parties"), from any and all claims, demands, suits, causes of action, losses, and liability of any kind whatsoever, whether in law or equity, arising out of or related to any ILLNESS, INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, OR OTHER DAMAGES incurred due to or in connection with any related activities, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASED PARTIES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I agree that this Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the laws of the State of Florida, and if any portion hereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the remainder shall continue in an arbitration setting at the location chosen by the released party.

I understand that participants, including myself or my dependent person, may be subject to possible exposure to influenza and other communicable diseases including, but not limited to the virus "severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2)", which is responsible for the Coronavirus Disease (also known as COVID-19) and/or any mutation or variation thereof (collectively referred to as "Communicable Diseases"). I am fully aware of the hazards associated with such Communicable Diseases and knowingly and voluntarily assume full responsibility for any and all risk of personal injury or other loss that I may sustain in connection with such Communicable Diseases.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT,



FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

SIGNING THIS PAGE INCLUDES THE ENTIRE ATTACHED PLAYER AGREEMENT (both code of conduct and liability waiver).

Participant Name:					
Guardian Name:					
Signature:					
Age:					
Date:					
Should I have any questions concerning specific playing time, positions(s), and/or concerns regarding interest in specific areas of the game, I will discuss this matter with my manager or coaches directly at the appropriate time and place (outside of games, practices and team dugout. Preferably after 24 hours have passed)					
I have read the player conduct rules and agree to follow them at all times.					
Date: Player Name (Print):					
Player Signature:					
Player or Guardian Signature:					