

Athletics Baseball Association

PARENT AGREEMENT

Coach Commitments

It is important for everyone to understand the importance of the team philosophy and the Athletics Baseball Association Guiding Principles in order to be successful.

Each player will have the same opportunity to participate and to improve his skills at practice. We expect every player to practice / play hard during organized activities. But we also expect every player to put in other time (batting cages, pitching lessons, taking grounders, etc.) outside of organized team activities.

Our goal as coaches is to provide leadership, direction, motivation and the resources needed in order to be the best possible team.

Playing Time, Positions, and Batting Order

There is no guarantee of playing time or position for any player. Playing time and positions on the field and in the batting order are earned. The amount of playing time each player receives will be determined by his baseball skill, attitude, commitment to the team, participation in team activities and game/tournament situations.

Coaches are free to move players to other playing positions. Players must be flexible and be willing to play any position when asked by a coach.

Attitude, Respect, and Emotions

Coaches, parents, and players represent the Athletics program on and off the field. You agree to conduct yourselves in a manner that makes us all proud. Coaches, parents, and players will show respect for, be considerate of and display a positive attitude towards all involved – other coaches, teammates, parents, teammates, as well as umpires, and opposing players and parents. Any inappropriate, unethical, unsportsmanlike, or illegal action by a parent or player will be reported to The Athletics Baseball Association Board of Directors (The Board), and may be subject to disciplinary action by The Board.

It is expected that you will control your emotions and display good sportsmanship. No profanity, no throwing of equipment, no arguing with teammates, coaches, opponents or umpires. Also, negative remarks to teammates, coaches, opponents or umpires are unacceptable. Do not make our team look bad because you do not agree with a decision that has been made.

If a player or parent has concerns, we encourage them to talk to the head coach about their issues. However, we do enforce the “24 Hour Rule”. Please wait 24 hours when all emotions have had a chance to calm down.

Alcohol & Illicit Drugs

All coaches and parents in the organization must refrain from consuming alcohol and/or any illicit drugs prior to or during baseball practices and games. Any person violating this policy will be subject to disciplinary actions by The Board.

Roles

Players Play
Coaches Coach
Parents Cheer

Dugouts

Dugouts are for the coaches and players only. Parents, siblings, friends, and all others are not permitted in the dugout before, during, or after the games.

Cheering

Cheering is defined simply as rooting for your son or the team, or applauding a great play by someone on your team or the opposing team. Do not coach your child from the sidelines during the game. You must allow the coaches to do their job. Any violation of this rule may lead to disciplinary action.

Participation

Participation in all mandatory practices is required and players must be at every game, tournament, and team functions unless you have prior approval from the head coach to be absent.

To be dismissed from practice, game, tournament, or other required activity without penalty, players or parents are expected to call the head coach at least two hours before any activity will start. (Please do not use e-mail for calling off. A violation of this can result in loss of playing time.)

Timeliness

Be on time for all practices, games and team functions. The team is always required to be at the game and ready at least one hour before game time. Please call the head coach if a situation happens to cause you to be late for a game.

Preparation

Players must be in complete uniform and have all equipment with them for a game. Be on time and well rested. Any player who habitually comes to games/practices unprepared and not rested will be hurting the team and may be replaced.

Curfews may be used in accordance with the next day's game time. Violation of curfews may affect playing time.

Finances

All players will be charged a fee of \$1300.00, with the exception of Pitcher Only (PO) roster positions. A \$250 deposit prior to September 7th is required to hold your position on the roster. The balance can be paid in a lump sum, installment payments, or a customized plan to be agreed upon by the General Manager (or Head Coach) and the family. All fees must be paid in full by March 31st, prior to the start of the season. Fees are non-refundable.

Fundraising

Dues are slated to cover the obligation of each family. However, any sponsorships are welcome.

Uniforms

The Athletics Baseball Association will provide the player uniform, (bat bag and batting helmet if needed). All other apparel and equipment must be provided by the parents or player.

Communications

We will communicate mainly by Gamechanger announcements and email. If this is not effective, we will use Team Snap to share information concerning, practice, tournaments, other news, etc.

The Schedule

While formal practice and tournament play will not likely begin until May, it is expected that each player keep a schedule throughout their offseason that will prepare them for a successful spring and summer.

The summer tournament schedule is being planned to begin in May and will be the most competitive schedule we can put together.

Player name

Parent name

Parent signature

Date signed

