

Parent Involvement & Responsibility Policy

To ensure a safe, positive, and well-managed environment for all players, our baseball/softball program requires active and responsible parent involvement. This policy outlines expectations for parent participation before, during, and after team activities. Our goal is to support coaches, protect players, and maintain a respectful and organized team culture.

1. Player Drop-Off and Pick-Up

1.1 Supervision Responsibility

- Parents/guardians are responsible for supervising their child before the official start of practices, games, or events.
- Coaches are not responsible for players who arrive early.

1.2 Timely Pick-Up

- Players must be picked up within 10 minutes of the scheduled end time.
- Repeated late pick-ups will result in a warning, and continued issues may affect the player's eligibility to participate.

1.3 No Leaving Children Unattended

- Parents must ensure that a coach is present before leaving their child at the field.
 - All Learn to Play participants **MUST HAVE** a parent or guardian present at all times.
- At no time should a child be dropped off at an empty or unsupervised facility.

2. Parent Presence During Activities

2.1 Required Availability

- At least one parent, guardian, or approved responsible adult must be:
 - On-site, or
 - Immediately reachable and within 10 minutes of the field during practices, and present at all games.

2.2 Emergencies

- Parents must remain reachable by phone during all team events.
- If a player becomes ill, injured, or needs to be removed from the activity, the parent must respond promptly.

3. Communication Expectations

3.1 Updated Contact Information

- Parents must provide:
 - A working phone number
 - An emergency contact
 - Any relevant medical/safety information
- Contact information must be kept up to date.

3.2 Notification of Absences

- Absences, late arrivals, or early departures must be communicated to the coaching staff in advance whenever possible.

4. Conduct & Support

4.1 Sideline Conduct

- Parents are expected to:
 - Model sportsmanship
 - Respect coaches, officials, players, and other families
 - Refrain from coaching from the sidelines unless assigned a volunteer role

4.2 Volunteer Roles

- Parents may be asked to assist with:
 - Field preparation
 - Team equipment needs
 - Scorekeeping
 - Snack or water duties
 - Helping with younger age groups

The goal is to share responsibilities so coaches can focus on coaching.

5. Consequences for Non-Compliance

Failure to meet the expectations in this policy may result in:

1. Verbal or written warning
2. Temporary suspension from practices or games
3. Removal from the program in severe or repeated cases

These measures ensure safety and fairness for all participants.

6. Acknowledgment

All parents/guardians must review this policy and sign the Parent Agreement Form before the season begins. Participation in the baseball/softball program indicates full acceptance of this policy.