

Club Hardball



Parents Manual

I. Expectations

- Parent Contract

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I agree to have my ballplayer play on the **Club Hardball Bulldog Baseball** team. My family is an extension of our baseball family, and as a result I understand I am expected to do my best to commit to team rules and regulations.

- 1. I Commit to Having my Ballplayer Arrive to Games and Practices on Time:** Arriving 15 minutes early.
- 2. My Ballplayer will be Properly Equipped, Hydrated and Fed for Practices and Games:** This includes proper uniforms, gloves, bags and meals.
- 3. I will Show Respect for the Umpires:** Voicing my displeasure will not improve anything. Be silent and positive.
- 4. I will Stay Away from the Dugout During Games and Allow Coaches to Coach:** Providing potentially conflicting messages can be confusing and distractive to my ballplayer's ability to focus.
- 5. I will be a Role Model for my Ballplayer Regarding Good Sportsmanship, Teamwork and Self-Worth:** These things start with the adults, and the players will behave accordingly. We will take pride in how we carry ourselves and treat others.
- 6. I am Responsible for the Behavior of all Family Members at Games and Practices:** Others may attend games to cheer on my ballplayer, but I need to be sure that they also handle themselves according to these rules.
- 7. I will Provide Encouragement and Support for my Ballplayer:** Positive encouragement is powerful.
- 8. I will Provide Encouragement and Support for all Players:** As a team, it's important to provide the same support for my child's teammates. We're all in this together!
- 9. I will Respect the Opposing Team, Coaches and Fans:** They are the same as us in many ways, but they simply wear different uniforms. I will appreciate their performance and show respect for their abilities!
- 10. I Understand Winning is Important, but the Primary Objective of CHBB is Growth and Learning:** They will win. They will lose. They will make mistakes. One of the most important things will be what they learn from both success and failure.
- 11. I will get to know the Team Values and Reinforce them with my Child:** I will read through the CHBB expectations with my ballplayer and serve as a reminder for them when they aren't being met.
- 12. I will Support the Coach's Message:** While I may not agree with the coach at all times, I also understand that contradicting the coach's message is counterproductive.

13. I will Help my Child Embrace his Role: I may not agree with where my ballplayer hits or plays in the field, but it is important that I help my ballplayer embrace and master that role for the best possible experience.

14. I will Help Nurture a Positive Environment on and off the Field: I will keep a positive tone always.

15. I will Refrain from Public Complaints about Coaching and other Players with Parents: While I will not always agree with how the team is being coached, I know that these reactions do not help.

16. I will Schedule a Time with the Coach to Calmly and Constructively Discuss Open Issues: Instead of complaining publicly, I will be part of the solution by scheduling a private time to discuss my concerns.

17. I will Offer my Help as a Volunteer to Leverage my Skills: The success of this team is run on the contributions of volunteers, and I want to contribute however I can to help.

18. I will Respect both the Challenges the Coaches Face and the Time Commitment they Make: I know that coaching isn't easy. It's a significant contribution of time and energy, often with the side effect of stress.

19. I will Make Payments for Team Fees as Scheduled: The team is not a bank. Payments are due on a scheduled basis for tournaments, uniforms, practice facilities and more.

20. I will do Everything Within my Control to Make this a Positive Experience for my Ballplayer, other Players, Families and Coaches: I will do my part to contribute to this baseball family!

I will always do my best to follow these rules. While I am not expected to be perfect and we will all have our weak moments, the main thing is that I will make a consistent effort to help nurture a positive environment for all.

However, I will not consistently neglect or ignore these rules. Depending on the severity and frequency of my infractions, I understand that my actions may impact the standing of my child on this team.

I understand these rules, and I will do my best to always represent this team and my child well.

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE