



Parent Contract

The following is a contract that we are requiring all parents to sign upon joining the team. Please understand that this is simply so that there are clear expectations- for all – players & coaches will also have their own contracts. The main objective here is for the entire team – players, parents & coaches – to be on the same page. We're in this together! I support my child's commitment to become a member of the Nor Cal Baseball Club. My family is an extension of our baseball family, & as a result I understand I am expected to do my best to commit to team rules & regulations.

1. I commit to making sure my child arrives to games & practices on time. This means often arriving 15 minutes early so that my child has enough time to get situated prior to joining our practice or pre-game preparations.
2. I will be sure that my child is properly equipped, sunprotected, hydrated & fueled for practices & games. This includes proper uniforms, gloves, bags & meals.
3. I will show respect for the umpires. They will often make the wrong call, but the job of the umpire is not an easy one. Voicing my displeasure will not improve the situation.
4. I will stay away from the dugout during games & allow coaches to coach. While this is not easy, I know that providing potentially conflicting messages during a game can be confusing to my child & my presence at the dugout may contribute negatively to his ability to focus.
5. I will be a role model for my child regarding good sportsmanship, teamwork & self-worth. These things start with the adults, & the players will behave accordingly. We will take pride in how we carry ourselves & treat others.
6. I am responsible for the behavior of all family members at games & practices. Others may attend games to cheer on my child, & I need to be sure that they also handle themselves according to these rules.
7. I will provide encouragement & support for my child. My child needs to hear my positive encouragement throughout the game.
8. I will provide encouragement & support for all players on the team. As a team, it's important to provide the same support for my child's teammates.
9. I will respect the opposing team, coaches & fans. They are the same as us in many ways, but they simply wear different uniforms. Appreciation for their performance & respect for their abilities will contribute to a positive game environment.

10. I understand that winning is important to the team, but the primary objective is promoting an environment of growth & learning. They will win. They will lose. They will make mistakes. One of the most important things will be what they learn from success & failure.

11. I will get to know the team values & reinforce them with my child. I will read through those expectations with my child & serve as a reminder when they aren't being met.

12. I will support the coach's message. While I will 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, no matter what it is. I may not agree with where my child hits or plays in the field, but it is important that I help my child embrace & master that role for the best possible experience.

14. I will help nurture a positive environment on & off the field. I will do my best to keep a positive tone as I realize my reactions impact the team.

15. I will refrain from public complaints about coaching & 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 & constructively discuss lineup & playing time concerns rather than during, immediately before or after a practice or game. 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, where possible. The success of this team is run on the contributions of volunteers, & I want to contribute whatever I can to help.

18. I will respect the challenges the coaches face & time commitment they make. I know that coaching isn't easy. It's a significant contribution of time & energy, often with the side effect of stress.

19. I will do everything within my control to make this a positive experience for my child, other players, families & coaches. I will do my part to contribute to this baseball family!

I will always do my best to follow these rules. While we are not expected to be perfect & 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 & frequency of my infractions, I understand that my actions may impact the standing of my child on this team. I understand these rules, & I will do my best to always represent this team & my child well.

PARENT SIGNATURE

DATE
