



Jeffersonville Blast Baseball

Parent/Player/Coach agreement

The Blast baseball program is intended to provide a means of:

- *Providing talented youth athletes the opportunity to develop their athletic and baseball skills as well as sportsmanship-like attitudes in a more competitive atmosphere.*
- *Achieving a good feeling about yourself and others.*
- *Understanding that practice and repetition lead to strong play.*
- *Experiencing that good hustle and a strong commitment can accomplish almost anything.*
- *Realizing there is no "I" in team and/or Blast.*
- *Creating an opportunity to compete on a state-wide and regional level.*
- *Learning to respect yourself, your teammates, and your coaches, no matter what level of success you have on the field.*

Baseball is a TEAM sport. The Blast baseball team is set up to give the team a chance to develop a strong fundamental base, learn how to compete on the field, and to be safe and have fun playing the game of baseball. In order to meet these requirements; the following rules will be enforced:

Rule # 1

Player is not allowed to criticize other players (or themselves) on or off the field.

Reason: Bad feelings between teammates reduce good playing. Being mad at yourself often rubs off on others and also destroys team play. It is the coach's responsibility to instill acceptable attitudes at all times.

Rule #2

Playing time and positioning of players will be determined by coaches.

Reason: Jeffersonville Blast Baseball is a competitive travel team. Coaches have the responsibility to develop player's skills and put them in a position during games to allow them to grow as a player

while allowing the team to strive for wins. Coaches will use the following to determine playing time and positions played on the following criteria: Performance, Attitude, Attendance, Injuries, Score of the Game, and importance of Game.

**If you as a parent have a concern about your son's progress as a player you will be able to talk about your child with the coach. At games or tournaments; however, we are asking that you wait until the next day to talk with the coaching staff. Things that our staff will discuss with you: What we can do to make your son a better baseball player and teammate. Things that our staff will NOT discuss with you: Playing time, game decisions, OTHER players/parents.*

Rule #3

Players will play positions assigned by the coaching staff and will show appropriate respect at all times.

***Reason:** Playing different positions allows players a balanced experience and teaches respect for teammates and the other defensive positions. Parents are expected to support the coaching staffs' decisions regarding field positions and other similar situations.*

Rule #4

Players and parents will treat the umpires and the other teams with the same respect you would desire in their position.

***Reason:** We would not have a baseball game without the umpires, so they are just as important as the players and coaches. These are not "professional" umpires some umpires are not going to give us the benefit of the doubt when the crowd is constantly riding them. Most importantly it will teach our players that the umpires are a respected part of the game not just to be complained about or blamed for a loss. If there is an issue with the umpires, TRUST that the Blast coaching staff will do their best to handle it in a way that is teachable to all of our players.*

Rule #5

Parents are not to visit the dugout during games. Players are not allowed to ask for drink, snack, etc. during any game. Players should get everything needed for the game prior to the start of the game.

Reason: *We coaches want the players to have as little outside distraction during the games as possible and talking to mom/dad/asking for drinks does not encourage that. If your child faces some adversity during a game such as a bad play, strike out, or behavior outburst we ask you to let the coaches handle the situation. The coaches will demand a lot out of these young men and we want you as parents to be there for them AFTER the games to pick them up.*

Penalties:

- **1st offense-** *Your player will sit out part of the game the offense occurred.*
- **2nd offense-** *Your player will sit out a game.*
- **3rd offense-** *Your player will be suspended and asked to stay home for one tournament.*
- **4th offense:** *You will be asked to find another team.*

Coaches and Parents

Coaches and parents should set a high standard of behavior for the players including:

- *No differences should be addressed in front of the team or at the field. Talking about the progress of your player is encouraged. Complaints without proposed solutions are not.*
- *Treat umpires with respect.*
- *Maintain a respectful attitude toward all players, parents, and coaches at all times.*
- *Coaches are responsible for correcting poor play. Fans are responsible for supporting the team with positive comments.*

Player signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Coach's Signature: _____