

## **Parent Agreement**

### **As a GA Elite Baseball Parent(s), I agree to and/or understand the following:**

The team depends on each player being committed to being at all practices and games. Players missing practices or games has a negative effect on team chemistry and the ability for the team to build a bond and improve. Players are athletes and need to learn to train like athletes. At some point natural ability starts to fall to the wayside when other athletes start to train more. The more they train the better they will become.

We are trying to teach players accountability and responsibility. We understand things happen and emergencies come up and we can address those as they happen. Please note a player's game time is greatly affected by their attendance and punctuality to both practices and games. If excessive practices and or games are missed, the Coach, Parent(s) and the V.P. of Player & Coach Development will discuss possibly removing the player from the team. If this course of action is required, please note that a refund will not be issued.

We ask that players attend extra practices, take lessons, or attend camps whenever possible to help improve their skill set. I will make sure my child attends all events that my team and the organization makes available, especially Team Bonding. This is a critical part of being on a team and learning to bond with your teammates.

### **Fees:**

\* I/We understand that a non-refundable fee will be paid when you register your child to play at Georgia Elite Baseball.

### **Playing Time:**

Coaches understand the objective is to train and develop each player. I understand that playing time will be earned or lost based on the player's participation, attitude, and performance and dedication with the team in daily events, practices, and games. We are working to train your child to be a "WE player and not a ME player". We train for the big picture, that is teaching your child to be a Coachable player and a team player that ALL coaches will want in the future.

### **Do's and Don'ts**

\* I/We will not interfere with the GA Elite Baseball coaching at practices and/or games. Enjoy the game/practice and let the coaches coach the players. Do not coach your child from the stands or approach the dugout to speak to your child during the game or practices. This is distracting to your child, the other players, and the coaching staff. Encourage and cheer on your player, coaching from the stands only causes distractions/stress to the players and puts them in a tough situation of who to listen to. It becomes very confusing and makes the player have to choose between listening to their coach or parents.

\* I/We will not speak negatively about a GA Elite Baseball player, parent, coach, opponent, or umpire in public. This includes any family member/friend that attends any event for your child. Being negative in the stands in and in front of your child will only bring issues to the team chemistry. It makes things uncomfortable for you, the players, other parents, and coaches on the team. We are the adults and need to set the example.

Respecting the Umpires is part of being respectful in the stands. They are human and will make mistakes. We want you to know and understand that there are calls that we can challenge and some that we can't. So, we can't argue everything you think we should. We know what we have the chance to overturn and what we don't. We are also on the field and see better than you in the stands. Our coaches will challenge calls and talk with the umpires. Arguing or being disrespectful to them is not going to help the team. Ultimately it hurts the

team. USSSA and ASA have indicated that they are telling their umpires to not tolerate a lot of bad behavior from the stands.

\* I /We will represent the GA Elite Baseball program at games and events in a positive light and with phenomenal sportsmanship. We ask this of the players and we as parents need to role model it. Drama will not be tolerated. The kids have to deal with it daily in their lives and we do not want them to deal with it here!

\* If a problem concerning a coach of my child occurs, I will wait 24 hours after the practice or game then direct any questions to the head coach. This gives everybody time to think and approach the issue with a level head. If you are not satisfied at that time, you can contact the VP of Player & Coach Development. The final step will include a meeting with the President of GA Elite Baseball. This includes posting comments directly or indirectly on social media pages about the team, parents, officials, coaching staff, and players and is a violation of our contract. If you approach the owner before talking with the coach we will advise you to talk to your coach. They can't fix something if they do not know the issue you have.

\* I /We understand that if my child has received any injuries that require medical attention, the child must be released, in writing, by a physician before she will be allowed to participate in practices and game. A copy of the release must be presented to the coach.

\* I/We understand that we must be flexible regarding events, games, and practices that GA Elite Baseball attends and/or host. I understand that schedules may be last minute and can change with little notice. Sometimes this is beyond our control. Especially with the weather. With that understanding, GA Elite Baseball acknowledge that everyone has a busy schedule, and we must make every attempt to stay consistent and communicate properly when changes occur.

\* I/We give my permission to the GA Elite Baseball program to use my child's photo for promotional or recruiting purposes.

My signature as a GA Elite Baseball Parent attests to my understanding that if I break any of the rules as outlined in this agreement, I may be asked to leave the organization with my child. Under these circumstances, I forfeit my right to any monies paid to or collected by the GA Elite Baseball program.

\*\* A COPY OF YOUR PLAYER'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE MUST BE PROVIDED TO GA Elite Baseball AND KEPT ON FILE FOR THE DURATION OF THE SEASON. Ask your coach how they want to handle this. Some may only require a image sent to their phone. Some may want a hard copy.

My electronic signature as a Parent of a GA Elite Baseball Player means that I agree and understand the Parent Agreement and will abide by the rules listed above.

\*\*\*By signing electronically signing my name and the last four digits of my social security number below, I am authorizing this as my Electronic Signature and is legally binding just as if it were my handwritten signature.\*\*\*

\*\*\*Example: Simon A Says SAS0805