

WEST BROWARD BOBCATS BASEBALL

TEAM CONTRACT: RULES AND EXPECTATIONS

What's our mission:

To represent West Broward High School and our baseball program with pride and dignity in the same way that a role model and leader would do.

ACADEMICS AND ATTENDANCE:

- As a student athlete at West Broward High School you will be a student first and athlete second.
- Each student athlete's classroom performance will be observed closely.
- You are a Student-Athlete, academics are always a priority, and before making a commitment to
 - Get to class on time.
 - You will attend ALL classes REGULARLY and be ON TIME.
 - Attending school the day of a game is **MANDATORY**. Failure to attend will result in the player not playing in that day's game and attending school the Friday before and weekend games is also **MANDATORY**.
- Student athletes who do not maintain a team imposed 2.75 GPA will be put on team probation and will have one week to get the grades up and provide the coaching staff some form of documentation showing that the low grades have indeed improved. Failure to do so will result in a suspension from the team until the grades improve. Academics will always come first!

CHARACTER:

- Not only as student athletes but as young men in general, you will be judged now and your entire life based on your character, and how you react not only to the good things, but when things do not go your way. We must never forget that we all individually represent something far bigger than ourselves!
- Respect umpires
- Composure is key; remember how many people are observing your actions and they do so when you are generally struggling....it's easy to behave well when times are good, what will you do when times are not good...
- Take full responsibility for your actions; don't look to point fingers at somebody else.

APPEARANCE:

- Our program represents the community and the school. How you look is a direct reflection of the program
- Players will dress properly around campus and at baseball related functions. Remember, you represent your family, the baseball program and WBHS.
- Players will adhere to a dress code that requires them to wear a team issued polo shirt and khaki pants/slacks for all game days no matter if it's home or away.
- If you choose to have facial hair, it must be clean and well-groomed
- NO earrings will be worn on the field at any time.

INJURIES & SICKNESS:

- All injuries and sickness will be reported immediately to the coaches and trainers, so that treatment can be initiated as promptly as possible.
- Players will inform a Coach that they will be going to see the trainer before the actually going.
- Team Trainers will prescribe the limitations on practice and game performance and we have to adhere and respect their decisions.

PRACTICE:

- Report to practice on time. **Never leave practice until you are excused.**
- Missing practice without permission from the coach will have a direct effect on your playing time.
- Missing a practice the day before a game is unexcused and will result in that player not playing in that game.
- No Headphones or Phones are allowed at practice and / or game unless approved by a coach.
- Players that miss or arrive late to practice because they are making up missed school work or test, must provide the coaches a written note from the teacher you were working with. If you are unable to provide documentation, you're considered late and there will be repercussions.
- Players must be present at all practices, work days, team meetings, contests, special occasions and events. If for any reason you are unable to do so, you need to relay this to the coaching staff and we can handle every scenario case by case.
- Players are to wear a baseball uniform to practice, which consists of pants, shirt, and a hat. Preference is for you to wear shirts that have our team logo. If you come to practice not prepared and not in uniform, you will be sent home.

GAME DAY:

- No spectators are allowed in the dugout during a game. This includes parents, family members, friends, girlfriends, etc. (nor are any non-player allowed to visit with you during a game)
- Players are allowed to leave the dugout during a game only to get a foul ball, go to the bathroom, warm up/stretch/throw, or in a medical or weather related emergency. You're expected to perform the necessary function and return to the dugout without incident.
- Any other request to leave the dugout should be discussed with and approved by a member of the coaching staff.
- You should have all your drinks and your gear prior to warm ups. No drinks will be allowed to be given to players without a coach's permission once the game has started.
- Players will be required to help with field duties before and after games. If any player leaves before being excused and the field has not been completely cleaned, will be suspended from the next game.

UNIFORMS:

- Uniforms should be kept clean, in good condition, and always tucked in; from warm up's until the game is completed, uniforms should be worn
- Hats should be worn correctly (straightforward). Rally caps are acceptable when appropriate.
- Bring a jacket to practice and games. Your arm is very important.
- Players are responsible for all equipment and uniforms issued to them. Stolen or damaged equipment or uniforms must be paid by the athlete or his Parent or an obligation will be filed with the school.
- When we arrive at our opponent's field you will be dressed (to play) with the exception of your cleats. No Cleats on the bus. **Turfs or Sneakers ONLY. No flip flops around the field during pre game and game itself.**
- Players will wear BP tops or jacket during all pre-game activities and will change into their Game Day uniform top prior to the start of the game.

EQUIPMENT:

- Throwing and/or abuse of equipment is prohibited. In the event that-equipment is thrown/abused and damaged, the player will be expected to reimburse the school for repair or replacement of the equipment.
- Throwing of equipment may result in a player being removed from the game. This is at the Coach's discretion.
- You are responsible for your own equipment and any issued to you.
- All players will be required to help carry equipment at practices and at games.
- All Equipment will be stored in its proper area.
- Assignments and Duties will be announced before each season.

BATTING CAGE RULES:

- Keep the cage area clean. No Eating and when drinking throwaway empty bottles and cans.
- Always request permission from a coach to hit on your own and you can only hit when a coach is at Baseball facility.
- All Bats and Baseballs must be put away when done.
- No more than 2 players at a time in the cages.

OUTSIDE TEAMS OR LESSONS:

- I have NO problem with players having private lessons during the spring high school season, just as long as it does not interfere with our schedule of games and practices, and what we are trying to do and that you get permission from the coaching staff.
- Lessons should be done on Sunday's if possible unless prior notification is given
- Players will be allowed to play with outside teams during the fall and summer seasons only and when again it does interfere with the Bobcats Baseball program event, practice or game.
- Please notify the coaching staff as to your plans in advance, so that you will have proper permission.
- Players are not allowed to play for outside teams during the spring season (January- May). Any player found to be playing on outside team during the spring season will be dismissed from team.

USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL OR DRUGS:

- Smoking, the use of chewing tobacco and smokeless tobacco, drinking of alcoholic beverages, and the illegal use of drugs or performance enhancing drugs by any athlete is prohibited. Disciplinary action and or suspension from the team and/or school will be considered.

HAZING AND INITIATIONS:

- An athlete who is deemed to have participated in acts of hazing will be dismissed from the team and referred to the administration for further discipline. Hazing is defined as committing acts of initiation
- considered demeaning to the person of a teammate. These acts include forced haircuts, involuntary servitude and physical acts to the person.

SUSPENSION FROM TEAM:

- Suspensions will be made by the Coach, Athletic Director or School Administrator. Causes for suspensions may include but not limited to the following:

- Grades are checked at random, don't maintain a 2.75, you have one week to provide documentation that the grades have improved. If you are unable to do so, you will be suspended until it is above the at or above the 2.75 mark
- Personal misconduct. Student athletes are ineligible for practice or contest during periods of suspensions.
- Unexcused absences from meetings or practices.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct.
- Failure to adhere to 'any rules' set forth by the coaching staff

TRANSPORTATION & TRAVELING:

- When traveling to and from contests, the team will meet at a designated location. It is acceptable for players to return from games with their parents, but it is mandatory that a member of the coaching staff be informed of your intentions and **written permission** be given to the Coach.
- 50% of the roster **must return** on the bus back to school.
- All team members will travel to and from all contests by means of transportation provided or organized by the Athletic Director's Office. On occasion, parents will be responsible for the transportation of their athletes.
- There will be no profanity or abuse of any kind while riding a school bus traveling to and from games.
- You will be allowed to have music as long as you have headphones. Only on the bus.

PARENTS:

- Practices are OPEN. When attending please limit your comments to yourself and please stay in the 1st base stands. No Parents will be permitted on the field unless permission is given by the coaching staff beforehand. If this is abused, then we will have no choice but to close practices
- Additionally, please do not ask to speak to the Coach after the game. The staff puts in long hours and would like to get home to their families, so these matters can be discussed the following day
- Please show good sportsmanship and respect to all our visitors and opposing fans home or away at all times.
- Players, Student-Athletes and Coaches that are fined by the BCAA and/ or FHSAA must pay the fine themselves. It will not be paid for by the Bobcats Baseball Booster Club or the West Broward High School.

COMMUNICATION:

- Any player can email me at grcm31@gmail.com or communicate with me through remind101.

- Remind101 Directions: Text the message @632bc7 to the number 81010, you will get a text response saying you have joined the “West Broward Bobcats Baseball” account. I will send notifications through this all the time and you can also send me chat messages regarding issues I need to be made aware of.
- You must communicate with the coaching staff for everything, when in doubt, ask me or let me know!!
- The second source of information will be the team website which is: <http://wbbobcatsbaseball.com>

SUMMARY:

We need leadership, respect for the authority of the coaching staff and a disciplined effort by each team member in order to have a unified commitment to achieving our goals.

We need to understand the opportunity we have and the following three things will always put things into perspective when we think about how we should go about doing what we do on the ballfield and in representing the school:

1. Be Respectful
2. Do the right thing
3. Communicate



Acknowledgement Form

(By signing this form you are acknowledging you have received the West Broward Baseball team rules and expectations and are fully aware of what in entails)

Parent Signature:

Parent Phone# or email address:

Student Signature:

