



## Parent, Player, & Coach Contract

The following is a contract that is required to be read, understood, and signed by parents/guardians, their players, & WAYA coaches upon joining the team. Please understand that this is simply to ensure that there are clear expectations for all.

I support my child's commitment to become a member of this WAYA Baseball/Softball Team. My family is an extension of our baseball/softball family, and as a result I understand I am expected to do my best to commit to team rules and regulations. I am committed to representing this team and this organization in a supportive & positive manner.

**1. I commit to making sure my child arrives to games and practices on time.** This means 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, sun-protected, hydrated and fueled for practices and games.** This includes proper uniforms, gloves, bags and appropriate snacks/beverages.

**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 and 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 and my presence at the dugout may contribute negatively to his/her ability to focus.

**5. I will be a role model for my child 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 child, and I need to be sure that they also handle themselves according to these rules.

**7. I will provide encouragement and support for all players on the team.** As a team, it's important to provide the same support for my child's teammates. We're in this together!

**8. I will respect the opposing team, coaches and fans.** They are the same as us in many ways, but they simply wear different uniforms. Appreciation for their performance and respect for their abilities will contribute to a positive game environment.

**9. I understand that winning is important to the team, but the primary objective is promoting an environment of 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 success as well as failure.

**10. 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.

**11. I will help my child embrace their 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 and master that role for the best possible experience.

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

**13. 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. Instead of complaining publicly, I will be part of the solution by scheduling a private time to discuss my concerns.

**14. 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, and I want to contribute whatever I can to help.

**15. I will respect the challenges the coaches face and the time commitment they make.** I know that coaching isn't easy. It's a significant contribution of volunteer time and energy, and is appreciated.

**\*\*RETURN THIS PAGE TO YOUR COACH AFTER SIGNING\*\***

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, my intent is that I will make a consistent effort to help nurture a positive environment for all.

I will not consistently neglect or ignore these rules. Depending on the severity and frequency of my infractions, I understand that my actions may result in consequences set forth by the WAYA Disciplinary Committee and/or the WAYA Board under the Sanctions for Violations.

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

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PARENT SIGNATURE/DATE

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PLAYER SIGNATURE/DATE

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COACH SIGNATURE/DATE