

# CAA Diamond Sports Travel Baseball Commitment Policy

The CAA Diamond Sports Travel Baseball Commitment Policy sets clear expectations for all participants in the Chanhassen Athletic Association (CAA) baseball season, designed to foster dedication, responsibility, and a positive experience for everyone involved. This policy exists to enhance the overall experience for players, coaches, and families, who invest significant time and energy when committing to travel baseball..

## 1. Commitment Expectations

Participation in the CAA Diamond Sports metro/tournament baseball programs require a high level of commitment. Players acknowledge that:

- CAA Baseball and CAA Baseball activities will be a **top priority** during the summer baseball season.
- CAA Baseball activities will take precedence in the event of a scheduling conflict with other commitments. This standard is consistent with other CAA sports programs.

## 2. Attendance Requirements

All metro/tournament baseball participants are expected to attend all scheduled team activities, including practices, games, and team events. **Acceptable absences** include:

- Injury or illness (with medical documentation if requested)
- Death in the family
- Family events (e.g., weddings, graduations)
- School-related activities
- Faith-based events

If a player anticipates missing a team activity due to an acceptable absence, they must **inform the coaching staff as early as possible**.

## 3. Disciplinary Action for Unexcused Absences

Players missing activities for an unexcused absence-- such as participating in other sports or events without approval--is disruptive to team practices and games and the coaches' ability to plan and prepare well for those events. As a result, a player missing activities due to an unexcused absence may face the following consequences:

- **First Offense:** The coach has the right to bench the player for part or all of an upcoming game.
- **Additional Offenses:** A review meeting will be held with the coach, the player, their family, and the CAA Baseball Operating Committee to determine further action, up to and including suspension.

#### **4. Refund Policy**

Once registration closes, **no refunds will be issued** unless in the following cases:

- **Injury:** A partial refund may be considered for a season-ending injury with appropriate medical documentation.
- **Relocation:** A partial refund may be issued if a family moves outside of CAA's boundaries.

*\*Note: Our refund policy includes further details and examples regarding refund eligibility. Families are encouraged to review it to fully understand their obligations and rights.*

#### **5. Volunteer Commitment**

Our association depends on dedicated volunteers. As such:

- If a player withdraws/leaves without an approved reason (i.e. to join a Club baseball team), the family volunteer check will be cashed.

#### **6. Returning to the Association**

Players who register for CAA travel baseball and then leave (i.e. to join a Club baseball team) create significant disruptions to the team formation process. Therefore, if a player withdraws from the CAA travel baseball program after registering for an upcoming season and later wishes to return, they must submit a formal petition to the Baseball Operating Committee. The Board will review each request based on the following criteria::

- Availability of roster spots
- Team needs
- The player's prior commitment history

#### **7. Enforcement and Integrity**

We ask all families and players to thoughtfully consider their commitment to CAA travel baseball before registering. Consistency and dedication of our players and families are key to maintaining the fun, health, and integrity of our volunteer-led community program.

For any questions or clarifications, please contact the CAA Baseball Committee.