



## Pitcher & Catcher Private Lesson Expense Reimbursement Policy

Because the development of the pitchers and catchers is fundamental to the overall success of the BFA softball program, BFA is offering to assist families in offsetting some of the cost of the specialized training required.

Upon our "Player Development" board member's approval, BFA will reimburse 50% of one-on-one instruction costs or non-BFA subsidized pitching/catching clinics for a single player up to a maximum of \$500 per year (pitching/catching combined) assuming the player meets the eligibility requirements\*.

The Reimbursement Year for reimbursement shall begin Oct 1st and run through the following Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. Approved reimbursements are paid on or before Oct 31 of the same year.

### \*Eligibility:

- 1) Player must play the complete summer season of that same Reimbursement Year for BFA as one of the teams' identified pitchers or catchers. All players who tryout as a pitcher/catcher will be placed on a team as a pitcher/catcher where they will have the best opportunity to play at their position skill level.
  - No reimbursement payments will be made if: 1) If the player elects not to play on a BFA team during said summer season; 2) the player quits after teams are formed (any time prior to the state tournament); or 3) chooses to not pitch/catch in order to play on a higher level team.
- 2) If the player plays the fall season of that Reimbursement Year, they must play for BFA as a pitcher/catcher on the team selected for them.
  - No reimbursement payments will be made if: 1) the player quits after teams are formed (any time prior to the fall state tournament); or 2) chooses to not pitch/catch in order to play on a higher level team.
- 3) Reimbursement is for costs incurred for one-on-one instruction or clinics that are not subsidized by BFA. General skills clinics/lessons, seminars, or any other training aids are not eligible.
- 4) Player must be a Bloomington resident or Bloomington student. Non resident /student players may receive reimbursements up to a maximum of \$100 upon approval and budget availability. Non resident /students are not eligible for any reimbursement the first summer season playing with BFA.

Note: Taking private lessons or attending clinics does not guarantee a player will see any innings in a game. Typically each team has 2-3 pitchers/catchers where the #1 and #2 get 80-90% of the innings. All eligible and approved pitchers/catchers will receive reimbursement regardless of game innings played.

Parents of players that are interested in taking advantage of this opportunity must follow this process:

- 1) Submit a signed Application for Reimbursement Form to the "Player Development" board member who will notify the applicant if the request for reimbursement is approved. The intent of the application process is to assist the Board in budgeting reimbursement expenses and not to limit player development opportunities. This also assures the parent that the instructor is an approved instructor.
- 2) During the Reimbursement Year, complete the Reimbursement Form and have the instructor sign it for each session/lesson.
- 3) **Submit the completed Application for Reimbursement Form. It MUST be postmarked by Oct 1<sup>st</sup>** for consideration. Important: BFA's Fiscal year ends Oct 31 and no payments will be made after Oct 31 of each year for any late submissions.

A check will be mailed between on or before Oct 31 for 50% up to the maximum reimbursement amount.

**Bloomington Fastpitch Association**

**Application for Pitching or Catching Private Lessons Reimbursement**

Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth year: \_\_\_\_\_

Pitching or Catching: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School City: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I am requesting reimbursement of 50% of the cost of one-on-one instruction or non BFA clinic costs for the player named above. I understand the following:

- 1) The Reimbursement Year for reimbursement starts October 1st and ends September 30th of the following year.
- 2) I understand that the maximum reimbursement amount for the player for a single reimbursement year is \$500 (pitcher and catcher combined) if the player meets the eligibility requirements (or up to \$100 for 2<sup>nd</sup> year non-resident/students)
- 3) I must submit verification (the BFA Application for Reimbursement Form) postmarked by Oct 1<sup>st</sup> following the summer season for the year in which the lessons were taken. Late submissions may not be reimbursed.
- 4) The instructor must complete and sign the Application for Reimbursement Form.

The player must meet the eligibility\* requirement as detailed in the Pitcher & Catcher Private Lesson Expense Reimbursement Policy.

Parents Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Send to:**

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Player Development  
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