BVBA Volunteer Policy

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The Brandon Valley Baseball Association is a non-profit organization devoted to organizing a youth baseball program for the youth (ages 5-18) in our school district. The BVBA provides an experience that is not just for the players, but for the entire family. Parents are included in every aspect of our program; they are on our board, involved as coaches, team parents, fundraising, and much more! We are a community, and it has always been the belief of the BVBA that the more families that actively participate, the more fulfilling the experience is for their child.

The BVBA depends on volunteers and fundraisers to help us organize, administer, and fund the program. Because volunteers are an essential part of making our program a success, the BVBA requires that families be actively involved with the program. Each family with children registered in our Little League Minor to Legion Divisions₁, will be required to volunteer a combined family minimum of 6 volunteer hours in the calendar year. Volunteering is highly encouraged to be a family affair, volunteer opportunities can be fulfilled by anyone ages 14 and older from your family. Players ages 9 and up are highly encouraged to participate with you during your volunteer opportunities. For the purpose of administering the volunteer program, the calendar year for volunteering will be from September 1-August 31.

During the registration process, families have the option to "Opt Out" of the Volunteer Program and pay a fee that is collected during registration. Families that elect to participate in the Volunteer Program must submit a volunteer deposit check (per family). This check will be held in a Safety Deposit Box owned by the Brandon Valley Baseball Association until the end of the volunteer calendar year (August 31). At that time, all families that have met their required minimum of 6 volunteer hours will have their volunteer deposit shredded. Those families that did not meet the full minimum 6 hour volunteer requirement will forfeit their deposit check and it will be deposited into the BVBA's general fund account after September 1. Partial credit will not be issued for volunteering less than 6 hours. It is NOT the goal of the BVBA to earn an extra stream of income from families that do not meet their volunteer requirement; rather it is our intention to grow our program by encouraging the benefits of volunteering. Families will be able to track their volunteer hours through their Sports NGIN account.

Volunteer deposits from each family must be received by the BVBA prior to participating in any team practice or game². Those families that are experiencing hardships that would prohibit them from being able to successfully complete their minimum volunteer requirement may petition the board for exemption from the Volunteer Program. These situations will be reviewed and handled on a case by case situation by the BVBA board.

Additional information on our Volunteer Program and volunteer opportunities can be found on the BVBA website (www.brandonvalleybaseball.com) under the Volunteer Info tab.

 $^{1\} Divisions\ exempt\ from\ our\ Volunteer\ Policy\ are\ the\ Rookies,\ Machine\ Pitch,\ and\ High\ School\ Levels\ of\ Play.$

² Families of those volunteering for the following positions will not need to submit a volunteer deposit: BVBA Board Members, Volunteer Head or Assistant Coaches, or Team Coordinators.