

DUNLAP RECREATION ASSOCIATION
TRAVEL BASEBALL LETTER OF COMMITMENT

Congratulations! Your player has been selected for a Dunlap Recreation Association (DRA) travel baseball team. As part of the registration process, a parent/guardian must agree and electronically sign this "Letter of Commitment" to ensure that the parent/guardian is aware of the following DRA travel baseball program guidelines:

1. Attendance

Games will start in April and the season will run through July (schedule determined by team's coach). Winter practices will start prior to the season (exact practice schedule will be determined by what team you are on). **If a parent/guardian knows that their child will likely miss more than 1 weekend tournament or more than 4 regular games during the season due to vacations or other commitments, please inform the coach or Travel Director.** The DRA asks that you consider participating in our house league program if you will have attendance limitations so that another child may participate on the team.

Attendance at practices is considered mandatory unless it is for a school sponsored event, illness, injury or previous arrangements have been made with the coach.

2. Playing Time

- a. A travel coach has the right to limit a player's playing time if that player has consistently missed practices and games or has displayed unsportsmanlike conduct to other players, coaches, fans or umpires.
- b. Travel baseball is a play to win situation. By limiting the teams to 11-13 players, all players will get their chances to play, however, travel baseball is competitive and play to win. **There is no equal playing time rule.**
- c. All players should get playing time in regular season games and some tournament games. Players will not necessarily get to play a variety of positions or even the position they want to play. It is up to the head coach to determine the positions where each player best benefits the team as a whole.
- d. If a player is looking for equal playing time and playing a variety of positions, it is highly recommended that you consider playing in our house league.
- e. If your player is playing another sport during the travel baseball season, it is imperative that you communicate that to the head coach upon accepting a spot on the team. And, it is expected that players would not miss a travel baseball game for another sport's practice, and lastly, players that miss travel baseball games/practices may sit more than others (coaches discretion).

3. Volunteering

The Travel Baseball Program generates their funding through player registrations, hosting tournaments and fundraisers. The DRA program is an all-volunteer organization. Parents/guardians of travel players are required to contribute time as requested by their coaches or the travel director the season (clean up days, concession stand help, field prep, etc). Shifts may be assigned during your age group's home tournament. If you are unable to/do not wish to work your shifts, up to \$50 may be assessed to your account to cover the cost of hiring someone for your shifts. There may be fundraisers during the year to raise money to support the league. The support of each player is required as registration fees alone do not cover all the costs for hosting/entering tournaments, umpires, and field prep.

4. Financial Policy

Travel baseball fees are due as follows: \$100 deposit due by September 10th. The remaining balance will be due by January 15th. Players will not be fitted for their uniform if their account is past due.

Non-Payment or Late Payments: Reminders will be sent before each payment due date. If any family is experiencing difficulty in meeting the payment, please contact the DRA Treasurer as soon as possible. Any family whose account is not in good standing will not be allowed to participate in any practices, tournaments, and games until the outstanding amount has been paid. Families with overdue accounts will not be allowed to register for any other DRA programs.

5. Scholarships

Scholarships are available to families that qualify. As a rule, DRA uses the USDA National School Lunch Program Income Eligibility when determining scholarship eligibility. Families interested in applying for a scholarship must email the DRA treasurer by January 1st and be prepared to provide:

- Copy of the first 2 pages of the most recent IRS tax return
- The last paycheck stub

Scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Board and all decisions are final. All personal details will be kept strictly confidential to the Treasurer, Executive Board and the Travel Baseball coordinator. Any family on scholarship is still required to pay the \$100 commitment fee on time to secure their place on the team. The remaining travel fees are removed. Scholarships do not include any other costs beyond travel fees such as optional training, tournaments, uniforms, etc. Any family on scholarship may be required to volunteer an additional 4 hours for the year. These hours are in addition to the regular volunteer hours that could be required of all families. Failure to volunteer will result in the removal of the scholarship and may result in the player being ineligible to practice or play.

I agree to the guidelines as outlined in this document.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____