# PRIOR LAKE BASEBALL WELCOME MEETING

2023 – 2024 Season and Program Expectations

## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

- Practices:
  - Coaches will come with a detailed practice plan daily.
  - Players are expected to be READY at the practice start time, not showing up at the practice start time.
  - Players expected to give full effort daily.
  - Coaching staff promises to give every player an opportunity to develop based off weaknesses and help the team based off their strengths

- Playing Time
  - Playing time is always earned.
    Whether in practice or off the field.
  - Playing time is based off the following criteria:
    - Commitment, work ethic, skill level, injuries, attitude, game situations, off field conduct, and coaches discretion.

# LETTERING POLICY

- Play in as many innings as we have games. i.e, if we play 25 games, a player must log 25 innings.
- Athletes have completed an entire season, turned in equipment, and have attended all games and practices as communicated by the coaching staff.
- All players on a conference or section championship team will earn a letter.
- Player must participate in 1 volunteer event within the surrounding community.
- Coaches reserve the right to award a letter to any player deserving of such.
- Coaches reserve the right to waive any of the following policies based off injury or other circumstances outside the players control.

### COMMUNICATION

#### Players

- Conflict Resolution Steps:
  - Coach to player.
  - Coach to player and Parent
  - Coach to family and AD
  - Coach to family, AD, and Principal.
  - Coach to family, AD, Principal, and Superintendent
  - All players are expected to communicate for themselves.

#### Families

- Families will be communicated with via email and social media channels regarding the following:
  - Practices
  - Rainouts
  - Schedule Changes
  - Conflicts

# **ABSENCES**

- Players will be excused from practices for the following
  - Faith
  - Family
  - School
- Unexcused Absences will follow the consequences outlines below:
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Offense: 3 inning suspension
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: 6 inning suspension
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: 1 game suspension
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Offense: 3 game suspension
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Offense: Dismissal from the Team

# **EQUIPMENT**

- Players are expected to turn in all school issued equipment at the conclusion of their respective season. Players not turning in equipment as subject to losing their letter or paying for missing equipment.
- Players will get 1 warning when mistreating equipment, whether in game or in practice. After the first warning, all subsequent warnings will result in being dismissed from practice or pulled from competition.

# TEAM PRINCIPLES AND PHILOSOPHIES

- Earn Everything
- Put the Team ahead of yourself
- Strong work ethic on and off the field
- Be early. Early is on time, on time is late, late is forgotten.
- Be proud to be a Laker
- Respect authority and peers
- Leave places better than you found it.