

WESTPORT YOUTH TRAVEL BASEBALL
Player & Parent Commitment Letter

Player:

As a player, I accept the offer to play on a Westport Youth Travel Baseball Team and will:

1. Respect and honor the selection of the roster, understanding that difficult decisions were made to create the team.
2. Participate in all team activities and play all games with the utmost sportsmanship and respect for all players, including my teammates, the opponent players, coaches, parents and umpires.
3. Abide by each of the Westport Little League Baseball Code of Conduct and Youth Travel Baseball Code of Conduct ("Codes of Conduct").
4. Respect and listen to the coaches, who are trying to improve the team and my skills.
5. Give my full attention and effort in all practices, scrimmages and games.
6. Attend all practices, scrimmages, games and tournaments because I understand that my team will depend on me to be physically and mentally prepared for them. Exceptions will be made for illness, injury or family emergency. Other exceptions may be left to the coaches's discretion.
7. Understand that the coaches make the decisions about line-ups, playing time, position assignments and baseball strategy. Because this is a Travel Team, I also realize that all players will not play the same number of innings or have the same number of at bats or opportunities in the field.
8. Remember that baseball is a team game (with team goals taking priority over personal goals), and I will do whatever I can to help the team.
9. Understand that my or my parent's failure to comply with the items contained in this Commitment Letter or the Codes of Conduct may result in my loss of playing time, suspension from the team or removal from the team.

Parent/Guardian:

As a Parent/Guardian, I am granting permission for my child to play on a Westport Travel Baseball Team. I fully understand the items above, have discussed these items with my child/player, and agree to abide by the applicable items listed above. In addition, as Parent/Guardian of a player on the team, I will:

1. Abide by the Codes of Conduct.
2. Participate in team functions and follow through with volunteer commitments in support of the team.
3. Understand that if my child leaves the team, all registration fees and other costs and expenses are due and non-refundable.
4. Understand that failure to comply with this Commitment Letter or the Codes of Conduct may result in me being prohibited from attending the team's organized baseball activities.

Coach:

As the Coach, I shall abide by the applicable items listed above, and I will comply with the Codes of Conduct.

Player Name (Printed)	Player Signature	Date
Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
Coach Name (Printed)	Coach Signature	Date

Westport Youth Travel Baseball
Code of Conduct

AS A PLAYER, I promise to always play with good sportsmanship and respect my teammates and opponents. I will be courteous to all coaches, umpires, officials and other volunteers who are trying to help me improve the team and help me to become a better player. I will do my best in all practices, scrimmages and games, have patience with myself, remember that I am representing the Town of Westport, and playing these games for fun. I will attend every practice, scrimmage and game that I can, knowing that my team will depend on me to be there and to be physically and mentally ready to contribute to the team. I will play hard and give my best effort at every position that my coaches assign to me. I will do my best to demonstrate the true spirit of a generous winner and a gracious loser. I will treat all opposing players, coaches, umpires, volunteers and fans with respect. I will respect decisions made by the umpires. I will prioritize safety of myself and others around me.

AS A PARENT, I promise to encourage good sportsmanship by showing support for all players, coaches and officials at every game. I will never ridicule or yell at any child, including my own, for making a mistake or losing a game. I will never use profanity or physically or verbally abuse any players, coaches, umpires, officials, volunteers or spectators and will always set a good example and represent my team with dignity. I will participate in positive support that encourages all players and discourage any cheers that redirect that focus, including those that taunt and intimidate officials, umpires or opposing players and fans. I will help my child enjoy the experience of playing on a team by doing whatever I can, including being a respectful fan and assisting the team, according to the coaches' instructions, as well as my own skills and availability. I will endeavor to learn, understand and respect the rules of the game, the umpires, the officials who administer them and their decisions. I will remember that league officials, tournament hosts and other volunteers are all volunteers. I understand that the coaches have sole responsibility for setting the batting order, defensive alignment and managing playing time in all scrimmages and games. I also understand that the coach will emphasize playing the best players in games in his judgment, especially in playoff and elimination tournament games, which may result in further uneven playing time and perhaps a player being limited at times to supporting his teammates from the bench. I will (1) not approach any coach of this team to discuss any matter pertaining to a game, scrimmage or practice, negative incident or other negative or emotional circumstance that occurred during or in connection with a game, scrimmage or practice, such as a complaint, perceived coach, player or umpire error or playing time allocation, until at least 24 hours after the completion of the organized baseball activity to ensure that the matter is fully and directly addressed and with less emotion after the passage of time and (2) only bring such matters to the attention of a coach in private. I will bring my child to practices, scrimmages and games on time and will make sure that my child is picked up promptly afterward. I will also give advance notice to the coach whenever my child must be absent from a practice or game.

AS THE COACH, I will honor all of the above premises that generally apply to parents, and I will never forget the trust that parents place in me while coaching their children. I will do my best to develop the talents of the players on my team, to treat each player and other coach with respect and fairness and to help the entire team learn the principles of good sportsmanship.

Player Name (Printed)

Player Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Coach Name (Printed)

Coach Signature

Date

Westport Youth Travel Baseball
Web Page Authorization Form

My child is a member of a Westport Youth Travel Baseball Team. As parent/legal guardian, I hereby authorize the below listed information and my child's number to be included on the Westport Youth Travel Baseball website.

Player Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date Signed: _____