



## WOODBURY ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

### TRAVELING BASEBALL PLAYER/PARENT CONTRACT 2019

**PURPOSE:** To prevent any misunderstandings of the WAA Traveling programs, general policies, rules, and regulations, it is in the best interest of the coaches and directors that a "contract" be drawn up to which all parties show acknowledgement of these policies, rules and regulations.

- I. Coaches require that because of the higher competitive nature of Traveling Teams and their associated games, players must make a commitment to the team by making attendance at practices and the league/tournament games a high priority.
- II. ANY conduct detrimental to the team or individuals on the team, and/or any violation of the Metro Baseball League and/or Minnesota State High School League rules (such as smoking, vaping, drinking, fighting, cursing, unsportsmanlike conduct, etc.) will present the coach with no option but to enforce the disciplinary actions available to them. These disciplinary actions can include "benching", ineligibility for games, or even removal from the team. It is agreed that, under the established guidelines, both the player and the parent will accept what the coach feels is appropriate discipline. The WAA Baseball Board will take appropriate action if notified directly.
- III. It is agreed that players and parents will accept constructive criticism from the coaches in a positive way and demonstrate a positive attitude toward all teammates, coaches and game officials.
- IV. It is agreed that players and parents will show respect for the coaches, game officials and their decisions. You will work with your child's coaches to reinforce the skills and attitudes that they are trying to teach and instill in your child. In no case will you actively try to coach your child from the sidelines in a way that is contrary to the instructions being given by your child's coaches. It is also agreed, that you will show respect towards your opponents, officials and coaches at all times.

The officials of any contest are impartial arbitrators who are trained and who perform to the best of their ability. Mistakes by all those involved in the contest are a part of the game. As a player, you will not rationalize your own poor or unsuccessful performance or behavior by placing responsibility on an official. As player or as a parent, you will take total responsibility for your own behavior.

**You will apply the rule of good sportsmanship and accept, respect and abide by the decisions made by the officials.**

- V. As a parent, you agree to do your best to get involved with your child's baseball education and the WAA. As a parent, you understand that you must get **involved** in one of three Woodbury Invitational Tournaments in 2019. You will be sign up to work concessions unless you have paid the \$150 per player volunteer opt out fee. **You will be billed a \$300 volunteer replacement fee if you fail to work your scheduled time or do not find a capable replacement volunteer to take your place.**
  
- VI. As a player, you agree to apply the concepts and drills offered by the coaches and practice them on your own. As a parent, you agree to do your best to reinforce these concepts and skills with your child at home. You also agree to try to understand the development aspect of the teaching and learning of baseball skills and that children learn the game at different rates even under the same practice and game conditions. You also do your best to spend as much time with your child as the coaches do, to help teach your child baseball skills.
  
- VII. **Players, parents, and fans will at all times conduct themselves in a manner, both on and off the field, that will bring credit to yourself, your team, your community and the WAA. Conduct unbecoming to the WAA will not be tolerated regardless of the individual. The WAA Baseball Board of Directors will take appropriate action should such an unfortunate situation occur.** You commit to making good sportsmanship a top priority so that you model winning with class and tolerating defeat with dignity.
  
- VIII. As a player you will respect and protect the facilities where you practice and play games whether in Woodbury or outside of Woodbury. You will report to your parents or coach, any damage that occurs that you witness. As a parent, you agree to help monitor where your child practices in order to eliminate any damage to any facilities caused by horseplay or unsupervised activity by WAA baseball players.

I, as a player ACCEPT and UNDERSTAND these conditions.

**Player Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Player's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

I, as a parent of a player ACCEPT and UNDERSTAND these conditions.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ **Parent's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: This form must be signed by both player and parent. This must be on file with the Baseball Board by 4/1/2019.**