

Whitnall Tournament Team
Baseball & Fastpitch
Policies for Managers, Coaches, Parents
and Players



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INTRODUCTION:

On behalf of the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Board, welcome to the 2017-18 Tournament season. Our mission is to create a fun, fair, and safe baseball environment that promotes the development of self-confidence, good sportsmanship, teamwork, and leadership. We strive to create an environment that results in a positive experience for everyone involved in the program - athletes, parents, coaches and all volunteers. The Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team handbook provides a reference for most of the information that participants and parents need to know about the program. Any other necessary information is located on the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch website at www.whitnallyouthbaseball.com. Please take time to review the handbook and the website. Thank you for your participation. Your support and feedback will allow our program to continue to grow and improve, allowing us to achieve our goal of becoming a successful program.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT TEAM INFORMATION

The purpose of this program is to provide athletes who have demonstrated advanced baseball and fastpitch skills the opportunity to compete with other players who have similar abilities.

The objectives of the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team Program are to provide an organized program for the youth of the community that will promote leadership, self-confidence, and teamwork; teach the fundamentals of baseball and fastpitch; assist players in developing their skills; and incorporate the spirit of good sportsmanship in victory or defeat while having fun. We strive to be the feeder program for our local high school.

Tournament Team Fees, Registration, Time Commitment

Tournament baseball and fastpitch requires a significant time commitment from January through July, and possibly into early August. To assure ample playing time, only 10 to 14 players are placed on each team. Every player's presence is important and is expected! Unless otherwise exempted by the coach, all players are expected to attend all practices, league games, and tournament games. Unexcused absences may result in a reduction of playing time. Tournament Team Managers will attempt to schedule all games and tournaments by the end of January to allow families to plan for family activities. Family vacations should be planned accordingly.

Registration Fees

The registration fee for all players involved with Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team is \$400. In addition to the initial fee, each family is required to fundraise an amount set by the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Board of Directors (this amount in the past has ranged from \$150 to \$200). Fees cover the uniform(s) and approximately half of the teams' expenses; the other half is paid for by revenue received from the fundraiser, tournaments that we hold and other fundraising opportunities. Team's expenses are for participation in league and tournament games, umpires, equipment, uniforms, field usage, field maintenance and improvement, and other fees necessary for operating the team. The initial \$400 fee is due by September 1st of each year and the remaining amount as dictated by the Whitnall Youth Baseball Board of Directors will be due by February 15 of the following year. Coaches will have the discretion to solicit additional funds from the team for fees associated to additional tournaments that the team would like to play in.

Games and Practices

Practices

Indoor practices will begin shortly after the first of the year. Your coach should contact you in late December with the details of the practices. Practices will continue indoors for as long as a facility has been secured. Practices outdoors will begin when the weather allows, typically in April, and the fields are ready for use. The Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Field Director will have the responsibility to notify the tournament director when the fields are in an acceptable playing condition. Practice days and times will be assigned by the tournament director to maximize the time available for training. Requests for time will be considered, but the tournament director will have discretion to plan out times accordingly. During warehouse practices, older teams will be expected to leverage the later weeknight time slots with younger teams leveraging the earlier time slots. During the outdoor season, teams will typically leverage weekends for practicing as the Recreational program has priority on the fields during the week, while the Tournament program has priority on the fields during the weekends.

Games

League play begins in April for baseball and May/June for fastpitch and continues through July, possibly early August. Each team will play in a home tournament that Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch holds and will also be eligible to enter up to 4 additional tournaments as part of the normal fees paid into the program. A team may decide to enter additional tournaments at their own expense.

Baseball Teams from U10 thru U14 will play league games against other tournament level teams in our local area. Fees for these games will be covered from the program. Baseball Teams at the U8 and U9 level will support our local program and play in the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch recreation league. This will give players at this level additional practice and playing time to hone their skills.

Fastpitch Teams from U10 thru U16 will play league games against other tournament level teams in our local area. Fees for these games will be covered from the program.

Additionally, fastpitch players at the U10 level will be required to support our local program and play in the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch recreation league. This will give players at this level additional practice and playing time to hone their skills.

Boys U9 through U13 participate in WYB's Fall Ball baseball league. Fall ball will take place starting in mid-late August and last through the end of September. Fall Ball is a great time for new teams to come together, begin practicing and start forming together as a team. For teams that have been together for a while, this gives ample time to learn new rules and continue to practice their skills together.

Local Fields

The program will be using the fields at Schoetz Park and the teams will be assigned a home field within the park for practices and scheduling their games. Additional field space may be leveraged with the appropriate permissions for Whitnall Middle School, Whitnall High School and Hales Corners Park. Contact the Scheduling Director if you have questions.

Equipment

Uniforms & Equipment

The Tournament program will supply a uniform including a jersey, pants, belt, and hat or visor. (Depending on current funds, the Tournament director may adjust the purchase of uniforms to every other year.) The items are for the player to keep after the season. Any damage to equipment caused by negligence or intentional abuse must be replaced at the player / parent's expense. Failure to do so will result in denial of any further sport participation in any Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team program by the player or any member of his/her family. Uniform policy – only board purchased uniforms will be used during games. This includes hats, pants, and jerseys. Failure to comply will result in team sanctions. Players may purchase extra pants, shirts, etc, through the tournament director. The Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team program also supplies:

- approved game baseballs
- catchers gear (shin guards, mask, chest protector)
- batting helmets
- catcher's glove
- practice equipment including but not limited to: whiffle balls, tennis balls, training balls, weighted bats, tees, portable batting nets
- scorebooks

Personal Equipment:

Each player must provide his/her own glove, shoes, and personal protective equipment including masks for fastpitch infielders (except batting helmets and/or catcher's equipment,). Properly-fitted, correctly-sized equipment is very important to a player's success -- especially in terms of gloves (not overly large) and shoes. Most leagues require that boys wear an athletic supporter with a hard protective cup; in any case, their use is mandatory by the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Program. Players are encouraged to use cleated baseball shoes with hard rubber/plastic or metal cleats, according to the rules of the league in which they participate.

Bats

Bats are another item of equipment which, like gloves, need to be fitted to the individual player. Parents should consult coaches and/or specific league rules (see below) before purchasing bats. The Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team program does not provide bats as part of the team's equipment bag.

Equipment Abuse

Under no circumstances shall equipment abuse be tolerated. Umpires and coaches are instructed that each instance of equipment abuse will result in that player sitting on the bench for the remainder of the game. At the umpire's or coach's discretion, a warning may be given. Players and his/her parents will be held responsible for reimbursement cost of any damaged equipment caused by equipment abuse. Players may be suspended from participation in future Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team programs until complete reimbursement is made.

TRYOUT POLICIES

Eligibility and Registration

A player is eligible to participate in Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team Baseball team tryouts subject to the following criteria:

- Complete registration form.
- Must meet age (grade) guidelines set by the program. Age cutoff is May 1st of the current year for the baseball program and January 1 of the current year for the fastpitch program. This is subject to change by the governing bodies of our tournaments. (ASA, NFHS, etc)
- Must not participate in other traveling sports that conflict during the spring/summer months without proper approval from Tournament Team Manager. (April, May, June, July)
- Photocopy of birth certificate made available to the Tournament Team Manager before either Fall Ball begins or at the time of the first payment.
- Players that tryout for tournament baseball or fastpitch may not always be placed on a team, even if there are roster spots available. For the safety and self-esteem of the players, it is sometimes best to not be put on a tournament team and then develop skills in a different environment such as Recreation Baseball or Fastpitch. If after tryouts, it is determined based on the tryout that players do not have the skills necessary to participate in tournament baseball or fastpitch, they will not be placed on a team. Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team recommends you play with our recreation league to continue to develop your skills.
- Policy is that a player will play at either his/her age or grade level, whichever is higher. Players are encouraged to play at this level for their personal development in skill, experience and maturity. All offers to players to play outside of their age level, must be approved by the Tournament oversight committee. All players that have been previously on a team or previously approved to play outside their play level are approved to continue to play outside of their age level.

GENERAL POLICIES

Attendance

Every player's presence is important and is expected. Unless otherwise excused by the coach, all players are expected to attend all practices, league games, and tournament games. **Unexcused absences may result in a reduction of playing time!**

Behavior and Sportsmanship/Suspensions

- The highest standard of sportsmanship will be expected from players, coaches, parents, umpires, and spectators.
- Players will treat their teammates, coaches, umpires, all spectators, and the opposing team with respect. After each game, all team participants will line up and shake hands.
- Conduct which will not be tolerated includes verbal abuse ("trash talk"), tantrum-like acts, profanity, arguing judgment calls, physical aggression on or off the field, acts intended to cheat the spirit of the rules or to intimidate the umpires. Umpires may use their discretion whether to issue a warning or to immediately eject the violator (coach, player, or spectator) from the game. The umpires and/or coaches are responsible for reporting all incidents to the Tournament Director. Subsequent violations may result in suspension from play and/or attendance.
- If you have a problem with the performance of an umpire, please direct your concerns to the team's coach. He/she represents the program and should be the only person communicating

with the umpires. One of the objectives of the program is to teach respect for the officials/umpires and the proper procedure for dealing with problems.

- The Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team Board reserves the right to suspend any coach, parent, player, or spectator who violates sportsmanship rules. A coach or umpire may suspend any player who acts in an unsportsmanlike manner. The coach must give the player one warning and discuss the situation with the player's parent(s). The warning should include an objective description of the behavior and of the intended discipline. Another violation shall result in the player sitting on the bench for the remainder of the game. The next violation shall result in the player sitting on the bench for the remainder of the game plus the entire next game played. Subsequent violations may result in the player being suspended from the league. All player violations/suspensions must be reported to the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team Board.

Playing Time

There will be no playing time guarantee. This will be at the coaches' discretion. A coach may reduce the playing time of any player for failing or refusing to attend practice sessions or games or follow instruction during those practices or games. The coach must give the player one warning and discuss the situation with the player's parent(s). The warning should include an objective description of the behavior and of the intended discipline. Except for playing time, the coach must discuss the intended discipline with the tournament director, before the discipline is administered.

Head Coach (Manager) Selection

Interviews and selection of Head Coaches are held in June/July. Primary selection criteria include past coaching and playing experience, personal coaching philosophy, support of Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team policies, and the applicant's commitment to spend several hundred hours during the season. Coaches' responsibilities begin in July/August with tournament selection and entry, league meetings, and organization of tryouts. All candidates are informed during their interview that their status as coach (if selected) will be provisional upon their child qualifying for that team via the tryout/evaluation process. The Tournament oversight committee will interview each candidate. This committee will include the tournament director, one member from the baseball tournament teams and one member from the fastpitch tournament teams as well as the vice-president of fastpitch and baseball.

Background Checks

Before being accepted as a Tournament Team manager or coach, each person must submit to a background check as directed by the WYB Board of Directors. Background checks may be annual or bi-annual upon the discretion and policies of WYB and coaches must follow the guidelines for renewal of their background check if needed based on their years of service. Background checks must be completed within 1 week of verbal acceptance of being nominated as a manager or coach and that person will be notified of their status as soon as the background check is completed. If you have questions, please notify the WYB Board.

Safety

The Tournament program provides batting helmets and catcher's equipment. Players are responsible for providing any additional safety equipment that they choose to use, i.e., mouth guards, safety goggles, and protective devices. It is mandatory that each batter, on-deck batter, runner or player in a coach's box. Spectators are restricted to the areas that are "out of play" and should stay away from the benches unless asked for assistance by a coach. Unless playing in the field, at-bat, on-base, on-deck, or coaching, all players shall remain on the bench or outside the field of play.

Inclement Weather

In case of inclement weather, the coach is responsible for determining practice and communicating to players if it is cancelled. At home games, the home team coach is responsible to determine if the game will be played prior to the start of the game. Once play begins, the umpire is responsible for determining whether play should be halted. In all cases, unless you receive notification from your team's coach, you should appear at the site of the game or practice as scheduled. Weather conditions can vary widely. Our policy is to make the decision at the field site. Games and practices will be suspended when lightning is visible. If you are not able to be present during an event, be sure that your player knows another parent who will be present and with whom he/she can take shelter if severe weather suddenly develops.

Donation Policy

Make donations to Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team Baseball if you want recognition. We will be making banners yearly with the donor's logo. Each team will carry a banner with them and display it wherever they play. Sponsorship amounts are administered by the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Board of directors and are displayed on the website. (Policies for donating are updated and kept current on the website) (Website location: <http://www.whitnallyouthbaseball.com>)

Refund Policy

No refunds will be given once a player has been accepted into the tournament program. There are two exceptions to this rule:

- 1) If an injury occurs or a child develops a condition / disease that will not allow them to play for a significant portion of the playing season, we will take it on a case by case basis.
- 2) If the primary and secondary guardian move a distance of 50 miles or more from the 53130 zip code leaving the child a distance of 50 miles or more to come to practices or games.

Volunteer Policy

Managers / Coaches

All managers and coaches spend many hours dedicated to the instruction of our youth for baseball and fastpitch. Managers and coaches will be required to support the recreation program as directed by the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Board of directors. Questions regarding supporting the recreation program should be directed to the Volunteer director. Managers and coaches will help setup fields before each night of a tournament that their team is assigned to help with. Managers and coaches must also be available to help with any inclement weather delays during tournaments and fall ball.

Parents of a tournament player will be required to support the overall program as directed by the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Board of directors. Questions regarding supporting the overall program should be directed to the Volunteer director. Additionally, parents of players must volunteer to help run the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch tournament that their son or daughter is playing in. Fall Ball is considered to be a tournament and teams that participate in fall ball will also need to volunteer their time. Anyone choosing not to work will relinquish their volunteer deposit. Tournament revenues are used to defray raising our fees for tournament families.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team appreciates the value of social media and the ability to share information, opinions, pictures/videos and accomplishments. However, it is important to understand that everything you post is public information and should express your perspective but always be respectful of the audience.

Expectations when posting online (Coaches, board members, players, parents, anyone associated with Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team):

1. Recognize that how you present yourself online is not only a reflection of you but also as the organization.
2. Ensure your postings are clearly understood to be your personal opinions and not necessarily that of Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team.
3. Show respect for the organization, the players, coaches and board members. Do not post disrespectful comments about the individuals involved with the program, opposing teams, other baseball organizations, opposing fans or umpires. Restrict the posting of offensive comments or images, avoid insults and inappropriate language.
4. Exercise extreme caution when posting any information about the players. Remember that all players are minors and personal information (first & last names, addresses, phone numbers, etc.) should not be shared unless their parent/guardian agreed to that information being shared.
5. Consider perceptions. Be sure that your use of social media is consistent with how you wish to represent yourself in public.
6. Encourage the correction of posted mistakes or inaccuracies in a respectful manner.
7. Do not represent yourself as some other individual when posting information online. Be accountable.
8. If you are about to post something that gives you the slightest pause consult with your teams coach or board member to discuss the appropriateness of the content.
9. Use social media to promote the positives of your team and the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team organization. Be respectful and responsible for your postings.

Social Media includes:

- Social networking sites eg Facebook, MySpace, Bebo, Friendster, Twitter, Snapchat, Instagram, etc
- Video and photo sharing websites eg Flickr, YouTube
- Weblogs & Forum discussion boards
- Online encyclopedias such as Wikipedia
- Any other web sites that allow individual users to use simple publishing tools online

If a player, parent or coach violates this policy, the WYB/F Board will determine what penalties to apply to the violator and address the issue with a written letter.

Drug and Alcohol Policy

No alcohol is allowed on any school property or in city parks. Drugs, of course, are illegal everywhere.

Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team Drug and Alcohol Policy

1. The Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team Board believes that all players/coaches participating in a youth activity should refrain from the use of alcohol and/or a controlled substance.
2. It shall be a violation of this policy for a player/coach while participating in a Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team activity to use a beverage containing alcohol or use or consume, have in possession, buy, sell, or give away any controlled substance.
3. Once a violation has been brought to the Board's attention and a decision has been made by the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Board, the player/coach will be informed of his/her ineligibility in Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch by a written letter from the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Board of Directors.

Violations

- a. First Violation: Upon notification by the Board, the player/coach shall lose eligibility for the next two consecutive games or two weeks of a sport season in which the player/coach is participating, whichever is greater. No exception is permitted.
- b. Second Violation: The player/coach shall lose eligibility in the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team for that sport season. No exceptions are permitted.
- c. Cumulative Penalties: Penalties shall be cumulative beginning with and continuing throughout the player's/coach's participation in the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team.

Tobacco Policy

No tobacco is allowed on school property or in Schoetz Park during games or practices.

Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team Tobacco Policy:

1. The Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team Association does not condone the use of tobacco by players under the legal tobacco age.
2. It shall be a violation of this policy for a player participating in a Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team activity to use tobacco.
3. Once a violation has been brought to the Board's attention, the player will be informed of his/her ineligibility. Ineligibility will be the same as for the Drug and Alcohol Policy.
4. Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team requires that coaches refrain from the use of any tobacco during a youth sport activity, which includes cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, smokeless cigarettes, etc. In addition to the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team policy on tobacco, we request that all coaches, spectators, and parents refrain from tobacco use while participating in or observing a baseball activity. If a coach or parent must use tobacco during a baseball activity, they must remove themselves from the playing area, field, park, etc, as determined by the location that they are playing at.

COACHES' RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS

The Coach is a teacher of baseball skills, a manager of the functions necessary to run a team, and is responsible for the social, psychological, and physical development of all players in his/her care. He/she is accountable to the players and their families and the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team Board of Directors.

Coaches' Responsibilities include:

- Obey and enforce all Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team rules.
- Treat all players in an equal and fair manner.
- Demonstrate good sportsmanship, self-control, and proper behavior.
- Promote sportsmanship and proper behavior of team players, all coaches, and spectators.
- Attend the Coaches' Meeting.
- Assure that all players receive playing time that is fair and ample as mandated by the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Board and the policies within.
- Teach the players to have fun and enjoy competition. Help the players to develop a healthy, competitive attitude toward winning and losing.
- Assess individual player's strengths and weaknesses and create a developmental plan to help each player improve in the areas of concern.
- Encourage and compliment players; use only constructive criticism. When necessary, provide individual, respectful feedback to players.
- Attend a minimum of 90% of their team's practices and games.
- Care for the equipment that is issued to them. If any equipment is lost or damaged, coaches should report the problem to the Tournament Director.
- Conduct a pre-season parents' meeting. At this meeting, the coach should set the tone and expectations for the season, distribute team schedule, roster, parent responsibilities, code of behavior, etc.
- Report any problems with fields to the appropriate Director.
- Recruit parent volunteers for tournaments, phone trees, etc.
- Support all WYB/F Tournaments as necessary and instructed by the WYB/F Board
- Arrange to have an assistant coach attend any required functions (e.g. coaches meetings, etc.) that they are unable to attend.
- Respect the Whitnall uniform. All coaches should wear the prescribed uniform shirt and pants or shorts. If a uniform hat or visor is worn, it should be worn with the bill forward.

Coaches' Rights include:

- To be treated with respect by players, parents and the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Board of Directors.
- To be made fully aware of the rules and policies under which they must function.
- To have access to necessary safety equipment and practice fields.
- To expect full cooperation from parents and players for miscellaneous team activities.

PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES AND RIGHTS

Your child's participation in the Tournament program will require a significant contribution of your time and effort. Parents can contribute many things to support their child, team, and the program.

Parents' Responsibilities include:

- Let the coach handle coaching and criticism. Clapping for your child is the best thing you can do.
- Coordinate your efforts to help your child's development with the recommendations of the coach.
- Support your coaches. Remember that they are responsible for many children in addition to your own. Allow the coach to use the practice time for the team. Arrange to talk to the coach during non-practice time if you have concerns regarding your child's participation.
- Don't compare your child to other players. Be honest with yourself about his/her abilities. - Regard each player on the team as your own.
- Keep negative comments to yourself. Express concerns to the coach (only) in a straightforward, fair, and objective manner.
- Teach your child to have fun and enjoy competition. Don't tell him/her that winning does not count because it does, and he/she knows it. Instead, help him/her to develop a healthy competitive attitude toward winning and losing.
- Demonstrate and be a role model for good sportsmanship and proper behavior.
- Don't criticize officials/umpires, coaches, and other parents or players.
- Ensure the good sportsmanship and proper behavior of your children and your guests.
- Provide transportation/arrange for your child to attend all practices/games/team events.
- Offer to car pool with other parents as this shows the true spirit of teamwork.
- Inform the coach whenever your children will miss or be late for a practice or a game.
- Volunteer to assist the coach whenever possible.
- Volunteer your time and talents to make your team's tournament a success.

Parents' Rights include:

- Have your child treated fairly and with respect.
- Have your child practice and play in a safe and healthy environment.
- Have your child coached by effective and qualified adult leader.
- Have your child engaged in practicing and playing activities that increase his/her skill and enjoyment of the sport.
- To be fully informed by the coach with respect to schedules, team philosophies, policies, and your child's strengths and development opportunities.

PLAYERS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Players on a tournament team should take pride in themselves and in their team, including following coaches' direction as well as allowing constructive feedback for their play.

Players' Responsibilities include:

- Have pride and confidence in yourself.
- Be attentive and work hard in practice and games. Make your best efforts to perform the tasks as directed by the coaches.
- Be a competitor, perform up to your full ability, and contribute to team unity. Compliment teammates and let the coach handle criticism.
- Show respect toward your coach, your teammates, and your parents and other adults.
- Show respect toward opposing teams, coaches, and umpires.
- Keep your (personal and team) equipment clean, in good repair and organized in the bench area.
- Maintain a responsible attitude toward your health. Be aware of and adhere to the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team policies on drugs, alcohol, and tobacco.
- Remember that baseball is a game and keep it in perspective with family, school, and/or church activities and responsibilities.
- Demonstrate a positive attitude, good sportsmanship and proper behavior.
- Remind your parents that you need to be at practices and games on time.
- Be responsible for bringing all of your equipment to games and practices and taking all of your equipment home with you
- Inform the coach whenever you will miss or be late for a practice or a game.
- Carry yourself as a Whitnall player whether in school, at a game, or anywhere, knowing that you represent your family, your team and your community.

Players' Rights include:

- To participate at a level that matches your maturity and ability.
- To play as a child -- not as an adult.
- To participate in a safe, healthy environment.
- To be treated fairly and with dignity.
- To have fun in sports.
- To have an equal opportunity to develop your abilities and strive for success.
- To have good coaching -- to be taught the fundamentals and sportsmanship.

PROBLEM RESOLUTION GUIDELINES

These guidelines have been adapted from guidelines prepared by the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Team Board. When a player or parent has a concern or a question regarding the policies or procedures of the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team program, they should first bring those concerns to the attention of the coach of the team involved. - If the problem persists or cannot be resolved between the player/parent and the coach, it should be brought to the attention of the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Director. All parties involved will meet to discuss the situation and find a solution. If the parties are still not able to agree on the decision, the issue should be brought to the next Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch board of directors meeting and their decision will be final. (If a member chooses to present the information to the board, a written email / document should be submitted no less than 72 hours before the scheduled board meeting.)

Program Evaluation Forms:

Parents and players may be asked to complete a questionnaire at the end of each season on their experience with the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team program and their coaches. This is an opportunity to express your opinions and to help us make improvements. Contents of evaluations are confidential. The Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team Board values and considers all input, recommendations, content offered from the evaluations. The online evaluations are available on the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team Website. If you have any questions please contact the president, or vice president as they will be the only one with access to the tryout results. The Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team Board and all of our volunteers value your opinions. If you have suggestions for improving our program, the best way to communicate them is to include them on the questionnaire. Please include as much detail as necessary for us to understand what you would like to see implemented. If evaluations are not timely, you may submit suggestions to any Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team Board member, but please still put them in writing so that they receive the attention they deserve. Suggestions specific to your player's team are also appreciated. **Please discuss your comments and concerns with the team's coach 24 hours after a game or practice.** He/she will greatly appreciate if you will avoid all discussions prior to or during games and practices and will be better able to focus on your request after the event.

WHITNALL YOUTH BASEBALL / FASTPITCH TOURNAMENT PLAYER/PARENT CONTRACT

I understand that by being a part of Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team, I am to uphold the policies set by the program. If I cannot adhere to these rules there will be consequences. The previously stated items are in place to make me a better person and to uphold the integrity of this program. I have read the handbook and understand what is expected of me as a player.

SIGNATURE OF PLAYER

DATE

As a parent in the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team program, I have read and understand the procedures set forth in the parent handbook. If a problem arises, I will go through the correct procedures to rectify the problem. I will not talk to the coach about playing time, only what my child can do to better himself to help the team more. By signing your name you declare that you understand what is expected of you and agree to help further the goals of the Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team program. You will help create a fun, competitive and winning atmosphere surrounding Whitnall Youth Baseball / Fastpitch Tournament Team Baseball.

I will demand of my child to be the BEST TEAMMATE that he/she can be. This means – working diligently on his/her own skills so as to help the team be able to compete. Also, to help teammates improve their skills and place the welfare of the team ahead of themselves.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT

DATE

WAIVER OF LIABILITY & CONSENT FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian of the named player, the "Registrant" recognizes that baseball/fastpitch can be a dangerous activity, yet I wish to assume all risks associated with participation in baseball activities to be conducted during the Whitnall Youth Baseball, Inc. baseball and fastpitch programs. Activities include but are not limited to: playing baseball/fastpitch or attending a game, tournament play, practice, or scrimmage. I further acknowledge and understand that travel to and from games, practices, and tournaments by automobile or other means of transportation may be necessary and that such travel carries with it inherent risks of injury.

With full knowledge of the above-referenced risks, I hereby accept and assume full responsibility for any and all harm caused by negligence and release, discharge and/or otherwise indemnify Whitnall Youth Baseball, Inc., their coaches and staff, directors and officers, league and tournament sponsors and their directors and officers and any of their facilities utilized for baseball as to any claims and causes of action by or on behalf of the Registrant and his/her parents or legal guardians. This release includes transportation to and from baseball games and tournaments, which I hereby authorize.

With full knowledge of the risks of injury in the game of baseball/fastpitch, I hereby authorize the following persons to administer emergency medical treatment to my child, the Registrant, for any injury or other medical emergency while at a practice, game, tournament, scrimmage, or while attending or traveling to or from any of those activities: all coaches and managers of my child's team, all officers and officials of the baseball / fastpitch club to which my child's team belongs, and all directors, officers, sponsors, officials or agents of any league or tournament that my child may participate in. This consent also extends the right to those persons listed above to arrange for immediate medical treatment by a licensed physician and/or other trained medical personnel, and for them to provide such emergency medical care, as they deem appropriate to preserve the life or well-being of my child. My child and I hereby release, hold harmless and indemnify the above-listed persons for any injury or damage related to administration of emergency medical care as authorized herein.

Consent for name use: I give my permission to have my child's name and photo used for publicity purposes. I also give permission for my child's photo and first name only to be used on the Whitnall Youth Baseball Club, Inc. web site (if applicable.) I have read and fully understand the above statements. I acknowledge that before signing, I had an opportunity to contact Whitnall Youth Baseball Club, Inc. to discuss any questions I had about the above release and consents.

This release of Liability, Consent for Medical treatment and Consent for Name Use shall remain in effect throughout the entire season unless revoked in writing by the parent or legal guardian.

CHILD'S NAME: (please print)

PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME: (please print)

PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

Date: _____