

Elmira Babe Ruth Player and Parent Contract

Elmira Babe Ruth strives to provide a positive, growth focused and competitive youth baseball program for players in the Fern Ridge, Triangle Lake, and Crow/Applegate/Lorane areas. Our area holds our players to the highest standards by expecting discipline, hustle, and leadership on and off the field. Alongside the Willamette Valley Babe Ruth player/parent contract, our area has the following expectations to allow our athletes to excel both on the baseball diamond and off.

Player Expectations:

- I will work hard and hustle both on and off the field. I will focus on learning the game and improving my skills at every practice and game.
- I will respect coaching staff by showing that I am working to improve my game with their support and guidance. I will be coachable.
- I will practice good sportsmanship by respecting my teammates and being a positive influence on the team. I will refrain from arguing with, taunting or harassing my teammates.
- I will represent our area responsibly by showing respect to umpires and our opponents.
- I will respect the game of baseball and will follow all WVBR playing rules.
- I will hold myself accountable for my effort and attitude. Achieving my goals is my responsibility.

Parent Expectations:

- I will ensure my player is on time to practices and games with all needed gear and uniforms. I will ensure my player has equipment that is in good repair and meets the requirements of WVBR bat and equipment rules.
- I will communicate with coaching staff in a timely manner and ensure I am keeping up with announcements and communication from coaches.
- I will not discuss, argue or heckle any game official over pitching calls or field decisions. Doing so is grounds for immediate ejection from a game, continued issues may result in a remaining season ban on attendance. I will ensure any family members or spectators attending games also understand and respect this expectation.
- I will encourage my player to work hard and be coachable. I will hold my player accountable for their behavior and attitude both at practice and in games.
- I will respect coaching staff decisions about field position assignments and playing time – coaches make these decisions based on the team as a whole and will consider the coachability, respect, hustle and drive a player demonstrates at practice.

If an issue arises due to bad attitude or poor behavior, the following steps will be followed:

1. The head coach will have a personal conversation with the player and/or family member about the issue and what changes will be expected.
2. If the issue persists, consequences may include being asked to sit out during practice, loss of playing time during games, or removal from the team roster. Behavior issues that result in any of these consequences will be reported by the head coach to both the Elmira Babe Ruth President and Area Director. Depending on the severity of the issue, future season rostering decisions may be influenced by past behavior.
3. If a parent/player disagrees with the head coach's decision regarding behavior consequences, they may ask for a review by the Elmira Babe Ruth board. Decisions made by the area board are final.

Player Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date