

I support my child's commitment to become a member of Regulators Baseball. My family is an extension of this baseball family, and as a result I understand I am expected to do my best to commit to and comply with team rules and regulations.

- **1.** I commit to making sure my child arrives to games and practices on time. This means often arriving 15 minutes early so that my child has enough time to get situated prior to joining our practice or pre-game preparations.
- 2. I will be sure that my child is properly equipped, sun-protected, hydrated and fueled for practices and games. This includes proper uniforms, gloves, bags, fluids and meals.
- **3. I will show respect for the umpires.** They will often make the wrong call, but the job of the umpire is not an easy one. Voicing my displeasure will not improve the situation.
- **4.** I will stay away from the dugout during games and refrain from sideline coaching which will allow coaches to coach. While this is not easy, I know that providing potentially conflicting messages during a game can be confusing to my child and my presence at the dugout may contribute negatively to his ability to focus. I commit to not call in plays, instructions, reposition my player or otherwise coach from the sidelines. I know that all instructions during a game must come from the coach. If my player is looking at me for instructions or approval then they are not focused on the coach for direction.
- **5.** I will be a role model for my child regarding good sportsmanship, teamwork and self worth. These things start with the adults, and the players will behave accordingly. We will take pride in how we carry ourselves and treat others.
- **6.** I am responsible for the behavior of all family members at games and practices. Others may attend games to cheer on my child, and I need to be sure that they also handle themselves according to these rules.
- **7. I will provide encouragement and support for my child.** My child needs to hear my positive encouragement throughout the game. Nothing negative ever on or off the field!
- **8.** I will provide encouragement and support for all players on the team. As a team, it's important to provide the same support for my player's teammates. We're in this together!
- **9. I will respect the opposing team, coaches and fans.** They are the same as us in many ways, but they simply wear different uniforms. Appreciation for their performance and respect for their abilities will contribute to a positive game environment.
- 10. I understand that winning is important to the team, but the primary objective is promoting an environment of growth and learning. They will win. They will lose. They will make mistakes. One of the

most important things will be what they learn from success and failure.

- **11.** I will get to know the team values and reinforce them with my child. I will reinforce my player's commitments and expectations with my child and serve as a reminder when they aren't being met.
- **12. I will support the coach's message.** While I will not agree with the coach at all times, I also understand that contradicting the coach's message is counterproductive.
- **13.** I will help my child embrace their role, no matter what it is. I may not agree with where my player hits in the lineup or plays in the field, but it is important that I help my player embrace and master that role for the best possible experience. I understand that the coach decides where each player is assigned and this topic is not to be discussed during a game in anyway.
- **14.** I will help nurture a positive environment on and off the field. I will do my best to keep a positive tone as I realize my reactions impact my player and the team.
- **15. I will refrain from public complaints about coaching and other players with parents.** While I will not always agree with how the team is being coached, I know that these reactions do not help. I will not criticize the abilities or lack there of any player on our team or any team.
- 16. I will schedule a time with the coach to calmly and constructively discuss lineup and playing time concerns rather than during, immediately before or after a practice or game. Instead of complaining publicly, I will be part of the solution by scheduling a private time to discuss my concerns.
- 17. I will respect the challenges of the coach and value the time commitment they make. I know that coaching isn't easy. It's a significant contribution of time and energy, often with the side effect of stress.
- **18. I will make payments for team fees as scheduled.** The team is not a bank, and the timely receipt of payments allow for tournaments, uniforms, practice facilities, coaches fees and more to be paid for on time.
- 19. I will do everything within my control to make this a positive experience for my child, other players, families and coaches. I will do my part to contribute to this baseball family!

I will always do my best to follow these rules. While I am not expected to be perfect and we will all have our weak moments, the main thing is that I will make a consistent effort to help nurture a positive environment for all.

I will not consistently neglect or ignore these rules. If I do break these rules, depending on the severity and frequency of my infractions, I understand that my actions may impact the standing of my child on this team. I understand these rules, and I will do my best to always represent this team and my child well.

PARENT SIGNATURE	
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