



PLAYER/PARENT COMMITTEMENT FORM

FRUITLAND FORCE BASEBALL, as a newly formed organization, will rely heavily on your support to be successful. As part of this reliance we must ask for your cooperation in a number of areas as follows:

_____ Assure our players are properly prepared for practice and tournaments.

PRACTICES: Practice is one of the most important elements in baseball development. Parents/guardians and players are expected to ensure players:

- Notify the coach of an anticipated absence well in advanced of the practice;
- Are at the field ready for practice no less than 10 minutes before the start time;
- FORCE has priority over the following things:
 - = FORCE GAMES come before LL practices in Spring. Little League games and practices come before FORCE practices in the spring.
 - = IN THE FALL FORCE will come before ALL FALL ball games & practices, PONY league and other sports unless discussed first with the Manager. We encourage other sports but please let your manager know what your plans are so we can adjust accordingly.
 - =FORCE NEVER COMES BEFORE: SCHOOL, RELIGIOUS OR FAMILY EVENTS

TOURNAMENTS

- Notify the coach of commitment to play well in advanced of the tournament in order that the proper adjustments to strategy and player roster can be made; 4 weeks
- For 2014 Spring Tournaments - Payments are due 4 weeks prior to the tournament dates. Payment options are available.
- Be at the field no less than 30 minutes prior to first pitch ready to play. Note that the coach may ask you to be there earlier
- There will be no refund of player fees for any reason. If one feels that they are unable to attend due to a "life altering event", a written request may be submitted at the next FORCE Board meeting, explaining the circumstances and reasons why their money should be returned. The Board will review the request and make a decision if to return the fee.

FOR PARENTS:

_____ Support and be respectful of our coaches/managers in all aspects of their work.

- DO NOT instruct the players.
- DO NOT question the player choice or tactics of the coach.
- DO NOT criticize the coach or the players.

I will respect and show appreciation for the coaches and managers who give their time to provide sport activities for my child

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All concerns will be addressed after a practice/tournament

I understand player's playing time will depend on the factors listed below and is up to the complete discretion of the coach:

-effort

- practice attendance

- practice performance

- player's physical state

- discipline

- ability

- baseball position needed to meet team need

Concerns

FORCE has an open door policy for concerns. Problems should be identified and dealt with at the earliest possible time. Concerns should be voiced to the following:

Manager

Bill Atkinson

_____ At all times, portray proper behavior resulting in a solid reputation for our Organization.

DO NOT speak to or question the umpires.

DO NOT use foul or abusive language.

Parents/guardians be accountable for players' actions in restaurants, stores, Hotels/motels when out of town

Social Media is no place for criticisms and will not be tolerated!

_____ VOLUNTEER your time to the FORCE organization.

be a member of at least one FORCE committee

participate in FORCE hosted tournaments

must volunteer in the concession stand (payment option available)

_____ Understand the consequences of improper behavior for both player and parent/guardian or failure to comply with the above initialed areas of commitment FORCE may take any one or all the following steps:

Warn the parent/guardian/player about their behavior;

Suspend the parent/guardian from attending games and practices;

Reduce the playing time of the player; and/or

Remove the child from the team.

We sincerely hope that we would never have to resort to any of these steps.

Player signature

date

Parent signature

date

Parent signature

date

Guardian signature

date

Code for Players

- I will participate because I want to, not just because my parents or coaches want me to.
- I will play by the rules and in the spirit of the game.
- I will control my temper – fighting and “mouthing off” can spoil the activity for everybody.
- I will respect my opponents.
- I will do my best to try and be a true team player
- I will remember that winning isn’t everything – that having fun, improving my skills, making friends and doing my best are also important.
- I will acknowledge all good plays/performances –those of my team and my opponents.
- I will remember that coaches and umpires are there to help me. I will accept their decisions and show them respect.

PLAYER

DATE

HEART & MIND

This form must be signed by the player and parent(s)/guardian(s) before the player will be able to participate in the FRUITLAND FORCE baseball program.