

# Parent Guidelines:

## **Be Positive with your son:**

Let him know by simply being part of this team is an accomplishment. Don't put him down. If you are constantly telling him he should be playing, he may take it as derogatory. If he is not a starter, he probably knows why, but it may be hard for him to tell you.

## **Encourage him to work and do his best:**

Don't offer excuses if he is not playing. There is usually a reason for it and he should discuss it with his coach.

## **Be loyal to the program and to the coaches:**

The coaches represent the boss-authority-parent-teacher-ect. If a parent constantly doubts the coach, how can you expect your son to play for him. Teach your child to be a DOER, not a COMPLAINER.

## **Insist that your son follow TEAM Player EXPECTATIONS:**

No matter which team your son is on, players must follow the expectations. Baseball is very demanding and coaches are concerned with a player's off the field activities. In order to get the maximum physical and mental performance, he needs to take care of himself on and off the field. DO RIGHT!!!

## **Insist on Good Grades:**

Monitor your son's homework. Make sure that he is setting aside time to do homework. Regardless of what he may tell you he usually does have homework. Take him to tutorials. Teachers are willing to help if your son asks and takes the time to work hard.  
Baseball talent means nothing if the grades do not meet expectations.

## **Be positive towards ALL other players in the Program:**

Please do not carry bad feelings towards players and parents because of incidents that may have occurred between players . (Incidents that may have occurred in little league, summer league, girlfriend conflicts, and your conflicts with other parents). Try and remember that every player has an important role on the team. It may not always be a starting role, but every role contributes to the entire team. (Including your role as a parent).

Psalms 133:1 "Behold ,how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell in unity."

**Be a Good Fan in the Stands:**

As a fan, you are entitled to yell your head off, if you want to. (Please do) We want to remain positive toward the opponent, all coaches, and all players. Please don't act like a "know-it-all"! The coaches work with the player and know the talents and abilities of each player well. Trust them in their judgments and respect their coaching knowledge. We see them every day in practice. Every day they have an opportunity to prove themselves to us. We understand that some players may be "Gamers," but if we see little work ethic in practice, it is hard for us to put them in a game in a key situation. Please do not come over to the dugout during ball games. (Food, Drinks, Extra Coaching) If there is an emergency, and you are needed, we will come find you.

**Insist that your son develop self-control.**

Self respect begins with self control. Teach your son a "Respect for the Game".

"The Ballplayer who loses his head, who can't keep his cool, is worse than no ballplayer at all." Lou Gehrig

**Refrain from comparing your son with previous children who have played sports, or with other players on the team:**

Encourage your son to be himself and develop his own given talents. DO NOT PUT UNDUE PRESSURE on your son by thinking only in terms of scholarships. Scholarships are a result of coachability, mental discipline and character, as well as individual talent. A College coach prefers a TEAM player, rather than one only focused on himself. (Guys who are leaders and are willing to do whatever it takes for their team to win).

Your life will be miserable if your son is playing baseball only to get a scholarship and not for the love of the sport and competition. It is just a game, and we all need to keep that in perspective.

**Have your son see the coach if he has a problem:**

Almost all concerns can be handled at this step. Coaches are hear because they love coaching and love working with your children. They are many times they do not realize your son has a problem, so let them know. Teach your son to take responsibility and handle their concerns in an adult manner.

**Enjoy your son and his play:**

Time flies quickly as your son goes through high school. Make the most of each game. If he has a good game.. GREAT!! If he has a poor game.. IT'S STILL OKAY!!

Don't be a worry-wart..... that's the coaches job. Sometimes, no, most of the time, parents take things harder than the players. Lighten up and HAVE FUN!!!

**Your ROLE IS VITAL:**

Your role is VITAL to the teams success. Strive to understand the importance of "TEAM."

REMEMBER: When coaches, players, and parents are all believing in each other and supporting each other, all things are possible.

"UNITY & TOGETHERNESS"