BISON

BASEBALL

PLAYER STANDARDS

FIVE INFLEXIBLE BISON BASEBALL STANDARDS

1. WE COMPETE WITH RELENTLESS EFFORT
2. WE DEMONSTRATE ELITE BODY LANGUAGE AND COACHABILITY
3. WE PUT TEAM SUCCESS AHEAD OF INDIVIDUAL STATS AND ACHIEVEMENTS
4. WE TREAT EVERYONE WITH RESPECT WITH OUR WORDS AND ACTIONS
5. WE WORK TO GET A LITTLE BETTER EVERYDAY AS STUDENTS, PLAYERS AND PEOPLE

Playing Bison Baseball is a privilege, not a right

<u>As a member of this program, I agree to uphold the following standards:</u>

Academic Commitment (I WILL)

- Demonstrate that I am a student first and an athlete second
- Make academic performance my top priority, I must maintain the standards to remain eligible

Responsibility & Punctuality (I WILL)

- Arrive on time for practices, games, and team events
- Be in class representing my team in a positive light
- Complete and return all required paperwork promptly
- Deal with any and all consequences if I fail to meet these responsibilities

Conduct & Attitude (I WILL)

- Treat umpires, parents, and all members of the program with courtesy, honesty, and respect
- Be coachable, listen to instruction, follow directions, and demonstrate a positive attitude
- Be responsible for my own behavior and not blame others for my shortcomings

Sportsmanship & Respect (I WILL)

- Compete with integrity and show respect to opponents, umpires, and spectators-win or lose
- Demonstrate humility in victory and grace in defeat
- Represent my school and community with pride when traveling to other facilities and events

Teamwork & Support (I WILL)

- Support my teammates, recognizing that every player brings value to the program
- Place the needs of the team above my own; I am part of something larger than myself

Accountability (I WILL)

- Understand that my actions have consequences
- Accept responsibility for my choices and uphold the standards of this program

<u>CONSEQUENCES</u>:

Players must follow **GFPS** and **MHSA** rules.

Failure to meet team standards will result in progressive discipline:

1. Senior Intervention
2. Coach Intervention
3. Removal from practice (*with makeup required to play*)
4. 10% reduction in lettering points
5. Suspension from games
6. Removal from the team

Severe violations of GFPS or MHSA rules may result in immediate removal from the team. Final decisions will be made by the coaching staff in consultation with school administration.

Practice & Eligibility Rules

MHSA Requirement:

- Athletes must complete 8 practices before competing in a baseball game

Program Attendance Standards

1 Missed Practice *Must attend next available morning session*

2 Missed Practices *Must attend 2 morning session & post practice work*

- *Practices include after-school (3:45-6:15) and morning sessions (6:30–7:15am)*
- *Game days do NOT count as practice*
- ***If you do not attend school you cannot practice – if you can't practice you can't expect to play***
- ***If you have a medical appointment it needs to excused and proof of the appointment is necessary A haircut is not a medical appointment***

Required Forms & Fees

- **Forms:** Physical, concussion form, and all required paperwork must be submitted to the training staff. Instructions are available the school's website.
- **Participation Fee**: $40, paid at the Finance Office. Turn Receipt in to the coaching staff.
- **Gray Fee**: $100 (team hat, sweatshirt, cage coat, dry-fit sleeves & dry fit-shirt)

Financial assistance is available*—contact Coach McNamee if needed.*

Fundraising *this is not optional*

- We will be digital cards from Varsity Gold starting on March 20th
- This is used to purchase new gear for practice and travel
- All funds raised will go to player's needs
- There will be sales incentives issued by Varsity Gold
- *Raise $200 gray fee is $50*
- *Raise $400 gray fee is $0*

LETTERING

Players must earn **150 points** through practices, games, and performance achievements. You are expected to maintain good academic standing, *consistent attendance* and appropriate behavior.

Academic, Attendance, and Behavior Standards

A player will **not** receive a Letter Award if any of the following occur during the primary season quarter:

- A final grade of **F** in any class.
- 6 or more unexcused absences.
- 1 major behavior incident or 2 minor incidents

1. **Game participation**
   - 5 points for being in the starting lineup
   - 2 points for every inning pitched
   - 1.5 points for every at bat
2. **Practice**
   - 1 point for every practice
   - .5 points for early work/extra practice
3. **Special Game Situations**
   - 10 points for over 4 hits in 1 game
   - 10 points for pitching a complete game
   - 10 points for over 3 stolen bases
4. **Special Team Situations**
   - 10 points for playing in the State Tournament
   - 5 points for every game won at the State Tournament
   - 15 points for finishing 3rd, 20 for 2nd
   - 25 points for winning a State Championship
5. **Final Stats**
   - 20 points (*at least 40 AB's*) Team leader: Batting Average, Runs, RBIs, or Stolen Bases
   - 20 points (*at least 25 innings*) Team leader: Strike Outs, Free Bases, Pitcher Per Hitter
   - 20 points (*at least 50 attempts*) Team leader in fielding percentage
6. **Seniors**
   - Seniors who complete the season in good standing will be considered for a varsity letter, regardless of playing time.

Game and Practice Calendar

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
2-Mar	**3-Mar**	**4-Mar**	**5-Mar**	**6-Mar**	**7-Mar**
8-9pm	8-9pm		4:30-6	4:30-6	***SET UP***

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
9-Mar	**10-Mar**	**11-Mar**	**12-Mar**	**13-Mar**	**14-Mar**
4:30-6:30	4:30-6:30	4:30-6:30	4:30-6:30	NO SCHOOL	***SET UP***

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
16-Mar	**17-Mar**	**18-Mar**	**19-Mar**	**20-Mar**	**21-Mar**
Tryouts	Tryouts	Tryouts	Tryouts	***Pictures***	***Uniforms***
3:45-6:15	3:45-6:15	3:45-6:15	3:45-6:15	***Fundraising***	

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
23-Mar	**24-Mar**	**25-Mar**	**26-Mar**	**27-Mar**	**28-Mar**
		EW/makeup 6:30–7:15		**NO SCHOOL**	***@ HELLGATE 2x7***
3:45-6:15	3:45-6:15	3:45-6:15	3:45-6:15	3:45-6:15	

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
30-Mar	**31-Mar**	**1-Apr**	***2-Apr***	***3-Apr***	**4-Apr**
	EW/makeup 6:30–7:15	*EW/makeup 6:30–7:15*			**SENIOR 2x7**
3:45-6:15	3:45-6:15	3:45-6:15	3:45-6:15	3:45-6:15	

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
6-Apr	**7-Apr**	**8-Apr**	***9-Apr***	***10-Apr***	**11-Apr**
	Belgrade 1x7		*EW/makeup 6:30–7:15*		***@ West 1x7***
3:45-6:15		3:45-6:15	3:45-6:15	3:45-6:15	

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
13-Apr	**14-Apr**	**15-Apr**	**16-Apr**	**17-Apr**	**18-Apr**
	@ Gallatin 2x7		*EW/makeup 6:30–7:15*		**Bozeman 2x7**
3:45-6:15		3:45-6:15	3:45-6:15	3:45-6:15	
Mon	**Tues**	**Wed**	**Thurs**	**Fri**	**Sat**
20-Apr	**21-Apr**	**22-Apr**	**23-Apr**	**24-Apr**	**25-Apr**
	EW/makeup 6:30–7:15		**CMR**		***@ Glacier Flathead***
3:45-6:15	*3:45-6:15*	*3:45-6:15*		*3:45-6:15*	

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
27-Apr	**28-Apr**	**29-Apr**	**30-Apr**	**1-May**	**2-May**
	EW/makeup 6:30–7:15		***@ Skyview 2x7***		
3:45-6:15	*3:45-6:15*	*3:45-6:15*		*3:45-6:15*	

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
4-May	**5-May**	**6-May**	**7-May**	**8-May**	**9-May**
West 1x7		EW/makeup 6:30–7:15		**@ Belgrade 1x7**	
	3:45-6:15	*3:45-6:15*	*3:45-6:15*		

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
11-May	**12-May**	**13-May**	**14-May**	**15-May**	**16-May**
	CMR		EW/makeup 6:30–7:15		**Butte 2x7**
		3:45-6:15	*3:45-6:15*	*3:45-6:15*	

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
18-May	**19-May**	**20-May**	**21-May**	**22-May**	**23-May**
	playoff	week			

Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
25-May	**26-May**	**27-May**	**28-May**	**29-May**	**30-May**
			State		

Bison Baseball Families

Thank you for sharing your son with us and trusting our staff with your athlete's development. Our tryout process is designed to be structured, competitive, and objective. Every athlete is evaluated across multiple days using measurable data and consistent scoring categories.

Team selections are based on:

- Competitiveness, Composure, Coachability
- Hitting, Fielding, Pitching Fundamentals
- Arm Strength & Accuracy
- Speed, Agility, Body Control
- Situational Awareness w/ Body Language Under Pressure
- Overall fit within the program standards

Decisions are never made from a single moment or statistic, but rather from a complete body of work during the tryout window. Placement is not a permanent label. *Development, attitude, and work ethic determine long-term growth*. We are committed to helping your son improve within the role they earn. We appreciate your support in reinforcing *accountability, resilience, and team-first mentality* throughout this process as we construct the standards that will build Bison Baseball.

Ed "MAC" McNamee – Head Coach

BISON BASEBALL TRYOUT EVALUATION

Player's Name: _____ **Year in School:** _____
Years in Program: _____ **Previous Level:** _____ **G.P.A.:** _____

Level 4	Performance *exceeds grade level*	**Level 2**	Performance *average grade level*
Level 3	Performance *above average grade level*	**Level 1**	Performance *below grade level*

THROWING	4	3	2	1
Mechanics:				
Arm Strength:				
Accuracy:				
Footwork:				
FIELDING				
Infield				
Hands:				
Range:				
Mechanics:				
Footwork:				
Path to the ball:				
Outfield				
Coverage:				
Mechanics:				
Catchers				
Receiving:				
Exchange:				
Footwork:				
Blocking:				
Pop time: 1.) 2.) 3.)				
Pitchers				
Command of Fastball				
Off-speed pitches				
Intangibles				
Velocity:				

HITTING	4	3	2	1
Hands:				
Stance:				
Plate Coverage:				
Swing:				
Base Running				
Footwork:				
Foot Speed:				
Knowledge:				
Leadoff:				
Hustle:				
INTANGIBLES	**8**	**6**	**4**	**2**
Academic Success				
Leadership				
Coachability				
Enthusiasm				
Baseball IQ				
Attention to Detail				
Body Language				
Maturity				
Effort				

Tryout Dates: From _____ to _____ Attended ___/ days

Sample Away Game Itinerary

**To be eligible to play in a Saturday game you must attend school and practice on Friday – or the previous academic day*

6:30am Attendance & Bag Check Field house

- Gray pants
- Navy & Columbia Jersey
- Belt/Hat/Socks
- Sleeves/Undershirt
- Cleats

7:00: Load the bus

- Bat Bag
- Baseballs
- Pitching Box
- Helmet Bag

10-10:15: Stop Bonner Town Pump

10:30: Arrive at field

- Dress on the Bus
- Pants/ Cleats/ undershirt

10:45- 11: Dugout set up & Dynamic

11:00-25: Throw progression

11:30-12: Batting Practice 4x6

12-12:35: EDD's Drills

12:40: In/Out

12:55: Anthem

1:00: Game Time

Meals Provided between games

6:00: back on the bus

6:30: meal/ @ grocery store eating on the bus

9:45: Return to Horseshoe

*****No one released until bus is cleaned & equipment is put away*****

***** We will not be dressing up for travel because we will not have access to showers*****

***** You are required to wear Bison Baseball gear to and from the game*****