

Johnsburg Boys Baseball League Parents

Welcome back for another year of JBBL baseball. This year the JBBL Board wanted to include this letter with more information about the upcoming year.

Registration Dates have been set for Saturday, January 7th, 2012 and Sunday, January 15th, 2012 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Dick's Sporting Goods in McHenry. If you are not able to make the walk in registration please mail your form to the po box listed on the form.

Volunteers make the JBBL run. There are several openings for coordinators that still need to be filled. If you are interested in helping out please contact me at the email address below. If you are a division coordinator or a concession coordinator you will be entitled a registration fee waiver.

If you are interested in coaching or volunteering please make sure to indicate that on the registration form and one of the board members will be in contact with you prior to the spring. If you have a child in more than one division please indicate the division you would like to coach.

Many people are interested in purchasing bats for their children prior to the spring. We have heard that parents purchased a bat for their child just to find out in April that they could not use it. Here are guidelines:

Tee Ball	Tee ball approved	Bronco	Drop 9 (-9)
Pinto	Little League approved	Pony	Drop 3 (-3)
Mustang	Little League approved		

While most bats have the -3 or -9 on them, the drop is calculated by subtracting the length of the bat from the weight. For example a 32" bat that weights 29 ounces would be $29 - 32 = -3$ or drop 3.

One of the things that most people do not realize is that the JBBL can provide assistance for families that are not able to afford the registration cost. Each case is reviewed by the executive board and all information is confidential. Every child should be able to enjoy playing this game.

As always we need team and league sponsors. We have several levels of sponsorship available for your company. Please visit www.johnsburgbaseball.com for more information.

Thank you

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SPORT PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

Preamble

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character." (Arizona Sports Summit Accord)

I therefore agree:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the league.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts with out resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game of his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.
15. I will respect the officials and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the game field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.
16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.
17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices unless I am an official coach or have been asked to by an official coach.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

1. Verbal warning by official, head coach, and/or head of league organization.
2. Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by organizations involved.
3. Written warning
4. Game forfeit through the official or coach
5. Parental season suspension

Please be aware that JBBL has every intention on enforcing the above written consequences when a violation of the code of conduct has been brought to the attention of its Executive Board.

By signing this Parent Code of Conduct I assume the responsibility of all the members of my family and any guests that may attend a sporting event with me or on my behalf. I also realize it is my responsibility to relay the code of conduct to all my family members or guests that may be attending a sporting event with me or on my behalf.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

YOU CAN OBTAIN A COPY OF THE PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT BY CONTACTING ANY EXECUTIVE BOARD