



GREAT FALLS COLTS

PARENT/PLAYER CONTRACT

“The Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program is a baseball family organization. Our players are held to the highest expectations by enforcing discipline, structure, and leadership on and off the field. These policies will allow our athletes to shine and excel at a championship caliber anywhere they go in their future.”

AGREEMENT

This player/parent agreement (“Contract”) is made between Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program and _____ (Print Player Name), _____ (Print Parent/Guardian Name). On this ____, day of _____, 2023. Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program and player and parent, in consideration of the promises of each to the other, agree as follows:

Attendance

Every effort should be made to attend all practices, games, tournaments and be on time. That means, “on the field, warming up” by the start time designated by the coach. Be on time for all baseball related activities; the team will not wait on you. If you are running late please text a member of the coaching staff.

Absences

If a player must miss a practice or tournament/game, he must notify a coach prior to missing the scheduled activity. If a player misses a practice, he should not “expect” to start the following game, though, he may. The coach reserves the right to make this decision at his discretion. Practice attendance will be considered when determining playing time during games.

Injuries/Insurance

In the event of an injury, if possible, the player should still attend practice. Much can be learned from helping coaches and listening to practice. If the player becomes injured or becomes ill during a game or practice, it is their responsibility to report it to a coach immediately. Parents shall maintain medical, health, dental and accident insurance for the benefit of the player. The parent understands that any insurance that might be procured by the Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program will be secondary. Such insurance (if procured) will only provide benefits to the player once the limits of coverage of the insurance procured by the parent have been exhausted. Player and parent agree to immediately notify the Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program management of any claim that the player was injured while participating with Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program.

Attire/Equipment

Parents shall be solely responsible for ensuring the player has the equipment necessary to play for the team including gloves, bats, cleats, catcher's gear (for catchers), and other protective gear. Proper practice attire shall be worn at practice which includes baseball hat, baseball pants, proper belt, socks and cleats. Players should arrive in the correct uniform for all games and it should be clean and in good shape. Before warmups start all shirts/jerseys are to be tucked in & remain tucked in for the entire practice/game.

Attendance of Friends/Parents

Players should always remember that practice/game time is not designated as time to visit with friends or family outside the field of play. Parents, please refrain from coaching your child on the sidelines. That includes comments or instruction when up at bat or in the field. Please be courteous to the coaching staff and allow coaches to coach. Outbursts and disruptive behavior from the parents, fans, and players will not be tolerated and any such actions may result in removal from team.

Dugout

Only coaches and players are allowed in dugout. Parents are encouraged to support their children. However, during practices and games they should refrain from approaching the dugout to coach, counsel, or to critique their child. Players should not leave dugout during games unless it is to use the restroom or have permission from a coach. Players should have everything they need with them inside the dugout (sunscreen, medications, water, etc.).

Conduct

Good sportsmanship and professional behavior are expected at all times, and in all circumstances by both the player and the parent. There should be no conversation with umpires, coaches, players, or parents regarding a call or a play. We will not tolerate disruptive behavior on the field or in the dugout. Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program reserves the right to dismiss any player or parent who breaches good sportsmanship or ethics at its sole and absolute discretion that it determines are contrary to the best interest of the Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program.

Addressing Concerns/Problems:

The parent agrees to not bring up concerns during and after a game or in the middle of a practice. Parents should contact the manager or coach to set up an appropriate time to address questions or concerns.

Financial Obligation/Team Fees:

It is important to be reminded of your financial obligation and ensure that every effort be made to pay your fees on time. In order to keep the Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program operating (reserve spots in tournaments, order uniforms & equipment, and provide field and facility use, it is absolutely essential that all fees be paid timely.

Should player/parent quit, withdraw or leave the team at any point, for any reason once a team position has been accepted, they will not receive a refund of any kind. Player fees/budgets are set based on the number of players that originally join the team. All fees paid up to the player's departure will not be refundable.

If you cannot meet this financial responsibility, or have questions, please contact Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program managers as soon as possible.

Rules and Expectations

The player and parent agree to accept, abide by and comply with all provisions of the Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program and rules and expectations set forth in this contract.

Listed below are expectations that Great Falls Colts Travel Program expects, including but not limited to:

- Practice hard at game tempo. We WILL NOT coach poor attitudes. "We cannot coach EFFORT".
- Sprint on and off the field at all times. (NO WALKING BETWEEN THE BASELINES).
- Be a GOOD teammate.
- Be coachable, we know you bring experience but keep an open mind.
- Accept your role on the team. If you do not like it, work harder to change it.
- Do not transfer blame or make excuses. It is not allowed. (HOLD YOUR KIDS AND SELF ACCOUNTABLE)
- Do not question coaches on the field. We will meet one on one to clear up any misunderstandings.
- Disrespect for coaches, instructors, facilities, or staff will not be tolerated.
- Players will be respectful and wear organizational gear with respect.
- Shirts are to be tucked in at all times and caps are to be worn forward at all times. Hats are not to be worn backwards or sideways.
- Playing time will NEVER be discussed between the coaches and parents or players.
- Lead by example on and off the field.
- Be an example and set the standard high for future players to follow.
- And last but not least, DO NOT do anything to embarrass your family, the program, your coach, and yourself.
- Have fun, learn the game, and enjoy the privilege of playing the great game of baseball!

Baseball Promotion

In addition to his actual playing on the field, the player and parent agrees to cooperate with the Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program and participate in any and all reasonable promotional and fundraising activities. We anticipate promoting our teams on social media and via our website. By signing this agreement, you agree that the Colts have permission to share pictures of the team and potentially individual players on our website and social media. If you do not wish for your child to be identified by name, please let your coach know immediately.

Termination

The Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program may terminate this contract at any time and for any reason. The player and parent understand and agrees that membership on the team is not guaranteed, and that this contract may be terminated at the sole discretion of the Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program managers

Quit/Withdrawal from team

If a player/parent wishes to quit/withdraw from a team the procedure shall be as follows:

- The parent will notify the coach and/or a member of the Travel Program Managers.
- The parent will pay any outstanding fees to Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program.

Release of Liability

With this contract, parents and player hereby release the Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program, coaches, staff, instructors, board of directors, and other players from and against any and all claims, injuries, and/or damages which the player and/or parent may suffer during or as a result of the player's participation with the Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program, including but not limited to travel to and from practices, games, tournaments, and/or related activities. Parents shall indemnify Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program, coaches, instructors, staff, board of directors, and other players from and hold them harmless against any and all losses, liabilities, claims, damages, cost and expenses including legal fees and court costs of or in connection with the player's participation in the Great Falls Colts Travel Baseball Program and/or the player's performances of the terms of this agreement.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____