



BBSA Travel Baseball/Softball 2020 Player & Parent Agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to establish a basic understanding of the expectations, rules and responsibilities between the players, their parents/guardians and the BBSA Travel Baseball and Softball Programs.

Philosophy: The purpose of the BBSA Travel Program is to provide a venue in which to encourage, develop and support your child's baseball/softball participation. The coaching staff and teams work closely with various instructors to help develop the players' skills while also providing additional knowledge to the coaching staff.

Commitment:

Upon committing to play for Bloomington Bulldogs or Blast, I agree to not play or be rostered on any other travel baseball/softball team during the season without written approval from my manager. Players will be officially rostered with various sanctioning bodies (ASA, USSSA etc). Player/Parent understands that if player leaves the program, the player will not be released from any registered roster unless all payments are paid current.

Player Initials: _____

Parent Initials: _____

Attendance:

The general rule is – "early is on-time, on-time is late and late is unacceptable".

- All players are expected to attend practices. Excessive absences will result in less playing time.
 - Exceptions to the above include illness, medical issues, school sponsored or related events, and family emergencies. In each case, players/parents should directly notify coaches at least 24 hours in advance, when possible.
- All players are expected to be at all games and tournaments.
- Players who miss a game or are late to warm ups, may sit part of the next game.
 - Exceptions to the above include illness, medical issues, school sponsored or related events and family emergencies. In each case, players/parents should directly notify coaches at least 24 hours in advance, when possible.
- The coaching staff reserves the right to make decisions or expectations based on the best interests of the team.

Player Initials: _____

Parent Initials: _____

Practices:

- Players will have their cleats on and ready to go at the practice start time.
- Players must come to practice prepared to learn, hustle and work hard.
- Players must maintain a positive attitude and be supportive of their team.
- Players must bring all their equipment to every practice.
- Cell phones must be turned off and remain in their bags. Repeat violations may result in disciplinary action.
- Blast Players that want to pitch are required to attend private pitching instruction at their own expense. The manager reserves the right to not pitch any player that has not received consistent instruction.
- Other sports: It is not discouraged to have players participate in other sports during the off season. We only ask that these additional sports do not interfere with softball once season is in full swing. Keep in mind that missing too many practices due to other activities can affect player's skills and possibly result in less playing time.

Player Initials: _____

Games:

Once you arrive in the parking lot of the field; shirts are tucked in, pants are fastened, belts are buckled, and shocks are pulled up. You represent the BBSA, and you will look respectful.

- Be on time for all games
- Hustle on and off the field; NEVER walk to your position.
- Once pre-game begins, players will not be allowed out of the dugout without coach's permission. Parents are not allowed in the dugout at any time for any reason.
- If you are not in the game, you will be standing and cheering on your teammates.
- ALWAYS respect your teammates, coaches, competitors, umpires, spectators and yourself. You never know whose watching.
- ALWAYS practice self-control. If something bad happens, deal with it in a positive way. NEVER throw helmets, gloves, stomping on the field, yelling at umpires or any other inappropriate behavior. If this occurs, you will be removed from the game.
- Always pick up after yourself.

Player Initials: _____

Playing time:

- Playing time is earned, not guaranteed. This program is an equal opportunity, not equal playing time program. Players will be given every opportunity to earn their playing time.
- The amount of playing time each player receives will be determined by her skills, attitude, commitment to the teams, practice attendance and performance in game situations.
- If you are not happy with your playing time, YOU must talk to the coaches about what you can do to improve and earn more playing time. Conversations will NOT take place during a game, practice OR after a game. Individual meetings need to be set up with the coach at another time.
- 24-hour rule: Do not approach manager/coaches after a game or tournament games with any questions or concerns about player(s) playing time or lack of for at least 24 hours. This gives yourself and the coach time to decompress and let cooler heads prevail. Only one warning will be given for this rule. Repeat violators are subject to being dismissed from the team with no refunds given.
- Coaches will not discuss playing time with parents, unless the player has already met with them. At that time, a meeting or discussion can be held with the coaches, player and parents and the 24-hour rule will apply. Conversations/Meetings with parents will not take place if the player is not present.

Player Initials: _____

Parent Initials: _____

Attitude & Respect (Players and Parents):

- Respect your teammates, coaches, competitors, umpires, spectators and yourself.
- Keep your emotions and attitude under control. The only thing you can control in a situation is how you react.
- Always display good Sportsmanship!
- NO profanity
- Please address the coaches as Coach, not by their first names.
- Treat equipment with respect.
- Parent/family/fan behaviors are to be a good representation on the BBSA. We want to make sure we teach the players good sportsmanship regardless of what other teams/parents/coaches/players on opposing teams may display. Let's lead by example.
- Players will not be under the influence of any drugs/alcohol or "hung over" at any practice/game/tournament. There is a zero tolerance for this rule. Any violations will result in immediate dismissal from the team with no refunds.
- Only coaches are to give players instructions during games. There is to be no coaching from the sidelines. Parents will not yell at, discipline, or give any negative comments to any player during any game or practice. Violators will be asked to leave the field for the remainder of the event. We as coaches want to make this a positive experience for the girls.
- If the player/parent has an issue with any coach, there needs to be a meeting first with the manager. If the manager is unable to resolve, they will then go to the BBSA VP of Baseball or VP of Softball for a resolution. If there are concerns with a manager that cannot be resolved, only then may the parent contact the respective VP. Only the VP may escalate any issues to the President of the BBSA for resolution. Any parents violating this chain of command may be subject to disciplinary actions.

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Financial:

- Fees for the 2019-2020 season are \$_____.
- These fees cover the following: Fall and spring league team fees, League and Tournament entry fees, team sanctioning/insurance for teams and coaches, umpire fees, equipment, indoor and outdoor field rentals, instructor fees, uniforms and any other team expenses deemed necessary and beneficial to the team as a whole.
- Uniforms consist of 2-3 team jerseys, 2 uniform pants, 2 belts, 2 pairs of socks, batting helmet and equipment bag.
- Fundraising: In order to keep fees reasonable and to assist players in offsetting their fees, we may engage in various fundraising projects. Some of these fundraisers may be deemed mandatory by your manager. Whether mandatory or voluntary, refunds from your fundraising activity will not be issued.
- Sponsorships: Various organizations and individuals have donated in the past as sponsors. These donations have been used for funding uniforms and equipment. We are pleased to accept these donations and give the appropriate sponsor recognition. In the past, recognition has been in the form of name on the Bulldogs/Blast websites and/or name on game banner. Please check with manager before obtaining any sponsors to ensure it does not conflict with BBSA exclusive sponsorship lists.
- Refunds: Due to the numerous upfront costs of building, developing and supporting a team, refunds are not possible except in extreme circumstances and must be approved by the BBSA Executive Board of Governors. The upfront registration fee required by the BBSA will not be refundable in any circumstance.
- Payment arrangements will be allowed. If you do not meet your agreement, you will be given one written warning and if payment is not received within 30 days of warning, the player may be released from the team with no refunds of monies already paid.

Parent Agreement:

1. Parent agrees to provide at least 48-hour notice if your child cannot attend any tournament game, 24-hour notice for any scrimmage or league game and 2-hour notice for any practice missed.
2. Parents are responsible for all required fees. There are no hardships given for Travel softball.
3. Fundraisers are to be organized by the manager of the team and must have BBSA Board approval.

We, the undersigned parent/player understand and acknowledge all the guidelines set in this document and agree to abide by them and the BBSA Code of Conduct and BBSA Travel Policy at all times.

Player: _____

Date: _____

Parent: _____

Date: _____