

## Clarendon Hills Cardinals

### Parent Expectations

#### Cardinals Mission:

The Cardinals are a non-profit, full-time, travel organization dedicated to the development of advanced players from Clarendon Hills and the surrounding communities. The Cardinals are unique in that we use dedicated, objective, and professionally trained baseball instructors to lead the development of players at all age levels. We do so in a manner which attempts to provide professional training and a quality competitive experience, in a fun, developmentally sound, program. The development program lead by our team of professional instructors will allow our players to play at a competitive level against other area travel teams and ultimately build a team with the skills and work ethic which will be necessary to play in high school, if desired...

#### Coach's Commitment:

I have the following goals for our team this year:

- Help our players learn more about the game of baseball
- Build confidence in themselves as players and teammates
- Teach leadership & team work ... help ID a sense of commitment & accountability
- Have Fun

#### What our Coaches need from our Parents:

##### 1. Please respect our commitment.

- This is a volunteer position and we will do our best to meet the above objectives and help your athlete grow on and off the field

##### 2. Respectful Feedback is welcome.

- Encourage your child to address concerns with me or one of their coaches directly. They are coming of age and this is a great environment to learn this skill.
- Coaches will be active in providing feedback to players and helping them understand their roles & responsibilities

##### 3. 24 Hour Rule, Time, & Place

- If a parent has a concern, please do not contact me within 24 hours of an event. Take 24 hours before reaching out to address an issue. Only exception is safety issues.
- At no time is it appropriate to address issues related to your child or the team at a game or practice.
- Method of setting up a meeting should be done over the phone or via e-mail.

##### 4. Attendance

- If you are going to miss a game or practice please let our team admin know via e-mail and copy me on the e-mail.
- I am fully aware of other life commitments but would encourage a high level of attendance at games and practices.
- Multiple absences can affect playing time

**5. Let the coaches coach**

- Our coaches & your child deserve your respect even if you disagree with how the team is managed. If you don't agree with something, respectful feedback is welcome as described above.
- Communicating your thoughts on defensive positioning, base running, etc. to your child during a game is not considered acceptable.
- Parents are not allowed in/around the dugout during a game.

**6. Let the umpire ump**

- The umpires will make mistakes. It will be the coach's job to determine how to handle and address during a game.

**7. Encourage & teach your child to take ownership and be responsible for his/her baseball experience.**

**8. Encourage & teach your child to follow the Player's Code of Conduct**

**9. Positively encourage the players on the field**

- We will not attempt to distract our opponents with loud noises, or overly exuberant "chatter"

**10. Alcohol is not allowed at our games**

**11. Verbal, physical abuse of players, coaches, umpires, or other spectators will not be tolerated. Consequences of this behavior can result in immediate removal from the team.**

**12. Payment must be current or playing time will be forfeited.**

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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