

## **Penn Township Travel Baseball Code of Conduct and Team Commitment**

### **Player Code of Conduct**

- I agree to practice good sportsmanship at all times, to win without boasting, lose without excuse and never quit.
- Run on and off the field during games and practices. Hustle!
- I agree to attend and participate in all scheduled games and practices. I understand that baseball is a team sport and any absences from practice or games, affects the overall team. Players unable to attend a practice or game will notify the coach or manager as soon as the coming absence is known.
- Refrain from unsportsmanlike conduct, which includes but is not limited to, gestures, talk, language, body movements or profanity.
- Players will not taunt or tease players on the opposing team.
- Players must show respect towards the umpires and their decisions. I will also treat fellow players, opponents and fans with respect.
- No throwing bats, helmets, gloves or any object in disgust on or off the playing field at any time. I agree to be aware of safety and will follow team and league rules to ensure safe play.
- I will remain in the dugout or on the playing field during all games. I understand that no player will leave the playing field or dugout unless granted permission by the Team Manager.
- I agree to accept the coaches' decision regarding playing positions and the amount of playing time. I understand that this is a Travel Team and there are no guarantees for equal playing time or playing positions.
- I understand that Penn Township Travel Baseball reserves the right to release any player from the team for poor sportsmanship or unsportsmanlike conduct by the player and/or the player's family before, during or immediately after games, practices or for other reasons that may include, but are not limited to, lack of cooperation, poor attitude, and lack of commitment, effort or attendance.
- All players will follow the guidelines set forth for the team and the program.
- I understand that the coach may impose additional rules, guidelines and/or policies that I am required to follow and failure to comply with the rules, guidelines and/or policies is a violation of my commitment and may be grounds for suspension or dismissal from the team.
- I agree to support and encourage my teammates and to always try my best, put forth maximum effort, never quit trying and to keep a positive attitude.
- I agree to my coach's authority and will participate and communicate positively with my coach and teammates.
- Emphasize team spirit, team unity, team effort and team success.

## Parent/Guardian Code of Conduct

- I agree to cheer, let the coaches coach, let the umpires ump and let the players play.
- Refrain from engaging in gossip or negative conversations with others that would bring disruption and/or tension to the team and players. Refrain from negative comments on social media that may be construed or misconstrued in the proper context.
- Obey all organization and park rules and regulations. Refrain from the use of profanity and any negative comments or negative cheering. I (and any family members or guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent.
- I will refrain from coaching my child during games and/or practices, unless I am an official coach of the team. Refrain from giving the children instructions during the game - allow the coaches to manage the team and game.
- Parents will not be permitted in or near the dugout before, during or after a game.
- Get your child to practice and games on time.
- Do not ridicule or yell at your child during a practice or game or for making a mistake or losing a competition.
- Do not question an umpire. Accept the umpire's decision as final. Refrain from any discussion or conversation with an umpire regarding any calls, rules or any other aspect of the game.
- If you have a problem/conflict with the Manager or Coaches, do not approach them during or after a game or practice. Call the Coach to discuss the issue or set a meeting with the Manager or Coach to discuss the matter. I (and any family members or guests) will be a **positive** role model for the players and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and demonstrating **positive** support for all players, managers, coaches, officials, and spectators at every game, practice or other team event. I will at all times, conduct myself in a manner that fosters respect of the coaches amongst the players.
- I accept the Coaches' decision regarding playing positions and the amount of playing time. I understand that this is a Travel Team and there are no guarantees for equal playing time or playing positions.
- I understand that Penn Township Travel Baseball reserves the right to release any player from the team for poor sportsmanship or unsportsmanlike conduct by the player and/or the player's family before, during or immediately after games, practices or for other reasons that may include, but not limited to, lack of cooperation, poor attitude, and lack of commitment, effort or attendance.
- I understand that any removal of your child and/or a family member from a game or municipal/baseball complex will result in a one (1) game minimum suspension for the player and all members of your family.
- I understand that the coach may impose additional rules, guidelines and/or policies that I am required to follow and failure to comply with the rules, guidelines and/or policies is a violation of my commitment.
- I will not force my child to play baseball and/or participate in PT Travel Baseball.
- I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for the children, not adults.
- I will inform a PT Travel Baseball official of any physical disability or ailment of my child that may affect his/her safety and/or the safety of children or the safety of others.

- I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of PT Travel Baseball.
- I will emphasize and promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes and skill development over winning. I will praise the players for competing fairly and trying hard and make the children feel like a winner all of the time.
- I will refrain from coming on to the field during a game or practice unless otherwise summoned on to the field by a coach, umpire or league/tournament representative. I will remain in the spectator area and will control my emotions.
- I will actively support the team and actively participate in all fundraising efforts whether I like, enjoy and/or approve of the particular fundraising event. I agree to volunteer/help when asked by the coaches and/or league officials.
- Emphasize team spirit, team unity, team effort and team success.

### **Coaches Code of Conduct**

- Coaches shall make all reasonable efforts to maintain disciplinary control of their players at all times that they are under their jurisdiction.
- Coaches shall make all reasonable efforts to address the Umpire(s) in a respectful manner and accept all judgment calls as final.
- Coaches will abide by all Penn Township Athletic Association rules and regulations.
- Coaches will also abide by all rules and regulations of the respective Travel leagues and organizations that they participate in and enforce all provisions set forth by the Penn Township Travel Baseball Organization.
- Coaches shall make all reasonable efforts to set an example of sportsmanlike conduct for the players to follow regarding umpires, opponents and spectators.
- Coaches shall make all reasonable efforts to treat opposing coaches and players with respect.
- Coaches shall make all reasonable efforts to maintain control of team fans who are spectating.
- Coaches shall make all reasonable efforts to make certain that their players observe the rules of good sportsmanship at all times.
- Coaches shall emphasize and foster a team atmosphere and not individual achievements.
- Coaches shall always attempt to ensure the emotional and physical well-being of the players is first and foremost. Treat each player as an individual and teach the rules of the game to each player.
- Coaches will teach players that they have a responsibility to learn and try their best, not only for self-improvement but to help the team to succeed. Coaches will provide instruction in a manner that is constructive, positive and supportive.
- Emphasize team spirit, team unity, team effort and team success.

### Team Commitment

We are committing to the Penn Township Travel Team until July 30, 2023. We understand that we are not permitted on another team's baseball roster during this time unless prior written approval is granted by the Penn Township Travel Board. We understand there is a level of volunteerism that will be required throughout the year at the concession stand, field preparation, fundraising, etc., and are committing to fulfill all volunteer obligations including but not limited to concession stand obligations and field maintenance work party requests. We understand that there is a financial obligation in order to play travel baseball. By accepting a position in the Penn Township Travel Program, we agree to the following payments:

September 15, 2022	\$100
October 1, 2022	\$100
November 1, 2022	\$100
December 1, 2022	\$100
January 15, 2023	\$100

The \$500 travel fee must be paid in full by January 15, 2023, if you elect not to make payments or the scheduled payments outlined above. We understand that failure to make this/these and any additional payments may be grounds for dismissal from our current team and could possibly lead to a ban from the Penn Township Travel Program. We understand additional money and/or fundraising may be necessary based on the team budget established by each Manager and/or Coach. We also understand that any money paid and/or raised via fundraising is non-refundable unless approved by the Penn Township Travel Board.

*I/we understand and will abide by the above Code of Conduct and Team Commitment: (please sign and return this form to the players coach unless executed on-line)*

Name: _____ (Parent please print)	Signature: _____	Date: _____
Name: _____ (Player please print)	Signature: _____	Date: _____
Coach: _____ (Coach please print)	Signature: _____	Date: _____