

## ***Burlington Mudd Dawgs Inc.***

### ***Boys - PARENT / PLAYER CONTRACT***

The rules, philosophies and procedures the Burlington Mudd Dawgs will operate under are outlined in the following pages. Please read through each page closely, as we want you to be fully aware of what is expected of our players and parents for the season. Take pride in being a Mudd Dawg.

#### **A. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS:**

Each player is responsible for player fees, which are a minimum of \$250 to a maximum of \$350 depending on team, plus the cost of the uniform. Parents are also required to participate in Mudd Dawg organization fund raisers. All players' fees will be put into each team's account. The organization will deduct \$500, from each team, for organizational fee. On average each team should get 5 tournaments plus 2 Mudd Dawg tournaments and state. Any additional tournaments are team's responsibility. Teams must do team fundraisers or get sponsorships if funds are not available in team account. If funds are not available in team account, Mudd Dawg treasurer will not send registration form and check. Team's balances will be on each treasurer's report at monthly board meetings or contact treasurer.

The due date for player fees is as follows. A \$50 non-refundable deposit will be expected each year no later than Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> for the upcoming season. The remaining balance will be paid by no later than Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>. Uniforms must be paid in full before they will be distributed to the player. We ask that it is paid for at time of ordering. Players will not be able to participate in tournaments if player's fees are not paid unless arrangements have been made with vice presidents or treasurer.

Organization fees cover the cost of equipment expenses, field maintenance, insurance, and field rental. Player's fees cover cost of tournaments and other needs for your team.

If your player chooses to leave the Mudd Dawgs Organization, or is dismissed from the team due to rule violations; or disciplinary reasons, these fees are non-refundable.

When your team is playing out of town, each parent is responsible for all meals and lodging and tournament gate fees. Prepaid gate fees will be divided equally for each child on the team regardless of whether parents accompany their child or not. Arrangements will need to be made by parents if they are unable to accompany their child to tournaments. It is not the coaches' responsibility to do so.

#### **B. FUNDRAISING**

Each family is required to participate in Mudd Dawgs organizational fundraising to help offset club expenses. If a family chooses not to participate in the fundraising efforts, a "Buy-out Option" is available for an annual contribution of \$250 to the Burlington Mudd Dawgs Inc. Families with multiple players will need to participate in each fundraiser for each of their players. The Burlington Mudd Dawgs board of directors will establish annual fundraisers. The board of directors may add to or modify any fundraisers in any given year.

1. Fundraisers will be announced by early spring. The board of directors welcomes fundraising suggestions from all of its members.
2. Mudd Dawgs tournaments are our most important fundraisers. We need participation from all players, parents and coaches to insure that we keep our customers (other teams) happy.
3. Individual teams may choose to do their own team fundraisers. These fundraisers should be implemented by a team decision. These funds may be used to offset player and uniform fees or travel expenses. All team fundraisers must be approved by the Mudd Dawgs board of directors.

#### **C. COACHES Expectations**

Our aim is to develop young athletes with sound values, competitive spirit, great work ethic and fundamental baseball/softball skills. Coaches will, at all times, have the safety and general well being of the players in mind. Our

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coaches will not intimidate players, embarrass them or ridicule them. This does not mean that your child will never be yelled at or verbally or psychologically motivated. Our coaches will treat the players with respect.

1. All head coaches and assistant coaches are encouraged to attend coaching clinics to enhance their teaching of the sport and help improve the skills of their players.
2. All coaches are asked to utilize the talents and abilities of everyone associated with their team; this includes parents, board members, and other coaches outside the Mudd Dawgs Organization.
3. All Coaches are expected to aid other Mudd Dawgs teams and assist with all Mudd Dawgs functions including, but not limited to: tryouts, winter work outs, fall & spring clean up of the airport field, indoor facility, and Mudd Dawgs Tournaments.
4. Coaches will maintain a professional demeanor while coaching games. Coaches will address umpires and opposing coaches in a respectful manner. At no time is it acceptable to be ejected from game. The Mudd Dawgs board will be notified of all ejections.
5. Practices will begin and end on time due to the number of teams using the Mudd Dawgs field. Practice times may overlap with other teams.
6. Coaches will be responsible for scheduling team parents to various duties during Mudd Dawgs tournaments. Smooth operation of Mudd Dawgs tournaments are the number one priority of all coaches.

### **D. PARENTAL PARTICIPATION – Expectations & Rules**

The success of the Mudd Dawgs depends on the commitment of everyone in our Organization. Parents are encouraged to attend practices and games. If you are not staying, you must ensure that a manager or coach is present and has acknowledged your child's presence prior to departing. You may be called upon to help with practice drills, score keeping, umpiring, field preparation, fall and spring clean up and concessions. Coaching responsibilities are assigned to officially designated persons only.

**Non Profit Organization.** The Burlington Mudd Dawgs Inc. is a Non-Profit organization. We rely solely on our volunteer parents for our success. **It is your responsibility to help the organization in any way possible. Parents are required to assist with all Mudd Dawg tournaments.**

**Field Maintenance:** Participation of field maintenance is required by all teams on any diamond we may use. It is the expectation that parents clean up after themselves at all fields. We want to be known as a "Class Organization" and one small way that has a big impact is cleaning up after ourselves. No changes or modifications may be made to the Mudd Dawgs field without board approval.

**Mudd Dawgs Tournaments:** Each Mudd Dawgs team is required to help with the all tournaments. Specifically for field maintenance, clean-up, score keeping, field prep & record keeping. There will be sign up times given to each team so that there are no surprises.

### **Rules for Parents:**

1. We want the Burlington Mudd Dawgs to be known a "Class Organization" We ask that parents, relatives, and friends attending the games **absolutely do not abuse umpires, opposing coaches, players or parents as well as our own coaches or players in any way.** Allow the players to play the game as they have been coached. **This rule will be strictly enforced.**
2. During games, parents are respectfully asked to remain a good distance away from the dugouts unless asked by the coaches. Players are instructed not to talk to their parents and friends while a game is in progress.
3. Parents will not coach from the bench. Please do not interfere with techniques taught by coaches. Parental input is important. Parents may make suggestions to coaches at an appropriate time and place.
4. Any parent challenging the authority of a Mudd Dawgs coach can be asked to leave the team. Verbal or physical abuse of coaches will not be tolerated.
5. The Burlington Mudd Dawgs Inc. will "suspend" parents from attending games, should rules 1, 2 or 3 be broken. See Section "H".

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6. Parents are welcome to discuss their child with coaches. However, a “24 Hour Rule” will be in effect on game days. Parents will wait 24 hours after play has completed to approach a coach to discuss concerns about their child.
7. **Do not drive through any grass areas of the Burlington Airport property.** Please park in gravel parking area adjacent to the paved drive.

### **E. PLAYING TIME**

Playing time is not guaranteed in any game. Coaches will do their best to ensure that all players are given significant playing time.

Guest players may be deemed necessary in the event of injuries and to complete or supplement a team’s roster (with Executive Board approval). *(Guest players will be charged according to the tournament fee)*

### **F. UNIFORMS**

Each player will be outfitted with a full dress uniform which includes the following: (can vary depending on org. selection)

2 jerseys

2 pair of pants

1 cap

Matching belts, socks & undershirts are supplied by parents. Check with coaches for approved colors. Uniforms will not be ordered for returning players unless the uniform has been deemed damaged, too small, or un-wearable.

Uniforms will be paid by the parents or out of your team’s account. The determination of the Uniform Chair is final.

Extra of the above items are the responsibility of the player and his parents. Mudd Dawgs jackets/warm-ups is the responsibility of the players. Each player is required to provide his own glove, baseball shoes, batting gloves, and personal bat, helmet & protective gear. Uniforms will not be issued until all player fees and uniform cost are paid in full, unless arrangements are made with the Mudd Dawgs Treasurer.

### **G. TEAM MEMBERSHIP**

Team memberships are renewed each year in the fall. Teams may have tryouts annually. Players are required to tryout each year if they want to continue their membership on the team. (coach’s discretion) Membership is not guaranteed to past members. All annual team tryouts will be conducted as per the tryout procedures adopted by the Burlington Mudd Dawgs Inc. A \$50 deposit will be required each year by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be deducted from fees.

1. “Invitation only” tryouts may be utilized from time to time if a roster spot is vacated during the season. Coaches will notify the Mudd Dawgs Board when they intend to hold a limited tryout.

### **H. PLAYERS – Rules and Expectations**

Every member of the team should recognize it is a PRIVILEGE and responsibility to represent the Burlington Mudd Dawgs and should act accordingly. Bad behavior will not be tolerated at any time. Coaches may discipline players for off field problems or academic ineligibility. Parents are encouraged to take the lead on this issue.

1. No Mudd Dawgs player is allowed to play on any tournament teams during the Mudd Dawgs season without permission from their coach.
2. Players are not allowed to argue with coaches, parents or umpires for any reason.
3. Foul language and profanity are not tolerated at any time.
4. Good sportsmanship is a quality that is exemplified by our players. Taunting of your own, as well as opposing players, fans or umpires, will not occur.
5. Self indulgence by players, such as hanging one’s head after an error or mental mistake, pouting over personal failure, will have no place on the team.
6. Care of equipment. Each player is responsible for the care of the equipment issued. Your equipment is to be worn only for practice, games and Mudd Dawg functions, not for leisure wear. For practice, we expect you to wear baseball pants, protective gear, a hat and cleats at all times.

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- 7. Players will clean the dugout and remove team equipment before they pack and remove their personal gear.
- 8. Players will not leave the playing area after games until they are dismissed by a coach.
- 9. Players will report all injuries or pain they are experiencing to a coach.
- 10. Players will be on time for all games and practices.
- 11. Parents will not carry a player’s personal gear before or after games. Responsibility for your own gear can be taught at every age. Exceptions can be made by the coach in the case of injury or exhaustion.

**I. ENFORCEMENT OF RULES AND VIOLATIONS.**

The rules and expectations listed herein are in place to ensure the quality development of our teams while maintaining the integrity of our organization. Any (parents or players) violations of these rules will be handled by the following manner.

- 1. A formal warning will be issued and documented
- 2. A suspension from participation in at least one (1) game but no more than two (2) weeks will be issued and documented.
- 3. Possible expulsion from the Burlington Mudd Dawgs Organization.

**J. USE OF INDOOR HITTING FACILITY**

The same rules apply to the use of the indoor facility as they do for outside practices.

Misconduct will affect our right to use the facilities and will not be tolerate. All listed below will be strictly enforced.

- 1. Do not leave our area for any reason accepts to use the restrooms located in the main lobby. Absolutely no one is allowed on the tennis court at anytime or reason unless retrieving an accidental ball going over tarp. Coaches only on tennis court.
- 2. All people are to use designated walk way when going to and from bathrooms.
- 3. Each team will have scheduled practice times. Coaches may schedule individual sessions with the facility coordinator.
- 4. Players are to leave the area as soon as practice has ended. Do not practice or play in the parking lot.
- 5. Horse play inside or outside of facility or fields will not be tolerated.
- 6. Heat may only be used during approved practice times. You may turn heat up to a maximum of 50 degrees during practice and has to be returned to no less than 40 degrees before you leave. Coaches only.
- 7. This facility is not a social club. Come in, do your work and then leave.
- 8. All lights must be turned off and doors locked before leaving the facility.
- 9. Absolutely no food, gum, candy, or SUNFLOWER SEEDS are to be brought or used inside of facility. This will be highly enforced. Coaches will be held accountable for their team actions on this. Only water is allowed beyond parent sitting area. Everything else must stay in sitting area.
- 10. All coaches and players are responsible for picking up all equipment, balls, and trash before leaving.

My signature below signifies that I read and understand the Player/Parent Contract and agree to abide by the rules set forth in the contract. Also, at anytime do I feel the Mudd Dawgs are putting my child at risk of injury, illness or possible death I will remove them from the situation. I will not hold Mudd Dawgs Inc., tennis club, Southeast Iowa regional airport, or Notre Dame responsible for anything outside of what org. or team insurance covers.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

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