



## REDBIRDS POLICIES AND PROCEDURES



**Coaches** – Our coaches dedicate a lot of time and money to your son's development, they will show respect to their players and expect respect in return. All coaches will dress and act appropriately and with the professionalism expected by the Redbirds Organization. Coaches will be held to the same standard as the parents and players in upholding the Redbirds high character tradition.

**Playing Time and Position** - We want to give the players an opportunity to play a number of different positions; however, this is a Club program and we are looking for the best players at each position. There is no guarantee that your player will get to play all the positions and it is possible that they will not play the position they, or you as the parent, think they should play. That doesn't mean they will not have the opportunity to play different positions, but that will be the decision of the head coach to put the players in the positions that make the team better.

**Disciplining Players** – How a player is treated during the game is extremely important. We will not single a player out during a game and reprimand him in front of others. Chastising the player and embarrassing them in front of others is not a productive form of discipline and will not be tolerated. The head coach will discipline the players as he feels appropriate, which may include being taken out of the game or missing games.

**Communication** - On the field, the coaches and players will not use profanity or improper body language, such as throwing equipment in the dugout or screaming at each other or the umpire. Off the field, if a parent is unhappy with the coach or the coach with a parent, the head coach should be contacted immediately. Discussions between parents and head coach should be done in private and not in front of the players and not during the game. These discussions will always remain confidential and will not be discussed with other parents.

**Injury** – If a player is injured during a practice or game, the coaching staff will immediately assess the situation, review the player's Emergency Information Card, notify the parent or contact, and seek medical assistance (if necessary). The Head Coach or assistant will fill out an Injury Report. If a player requires professional medical assistance they may only return to action after being cleared by their physician with a prescription or release.

**Dugout/Bench Policy** – Players, Coaches, and Managers are the ONLY people allowed in the dugout or around the bench during the game unless the coach has a specific need and request the assistance of a parent volunteer.

**Games** – Players should arrive at the game one-hour ahead of game time unless specifically told something different from the coach. Players should be in uniform with shirt tucked in, hats on correctly, and cleats tied and ready to warm up. If you will be late or unable to attend a game, please call the coach as soon as possible.

**Practice** – Players need to be at practice on time. If practice is at 6:00 P.M., the player should be on the field, in proper baseball attire with a hat and ready to begin at 6:00 P.M. It takes valuable practice time away from all players if the coaches have to stop and warm up a player that shows up late.

## Team Rules

The following rules are expected to be followed by ALL of our teams and parents. Each coach may have additional rules and ways to enforce those rules; however, the following rules are expected to be followed by all teams within the Redbirds Organization.

Players:

1. Have fun and always give your best effort (HUSTLE).
2. Players will show respect for the coaches, parents, and other players on the team.
3. Spend time outside of practice working on baseball.
4. RB players represent the Organization off the field as well as on the field. We expect all of our players to conduct themselves in a proper manner in the class room and inappropriate Social Media communications will not be tolerated.

Parents:

- 1) Get your son to practice and games on time. This can be difficult at times and sometimes impossible, but it is very hard to conduct practice or get ready for a game when players continually show up late. If you know your son will be late or won't be able to make it to a practice or game, please let the coach know as far in advance as possible.
- 2) Help with team volunteer opportunities. We have a number of items that require parent help.
- 3) Encourage good sportsmanship by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game and practice. Please cheer for your child during games, but keep from yelling instructions to them. Remember this is their opportunity to enjoy playing the game. Much of the fun is lost if their Mom or Dad is always yelling instructions.
- 4) Please let the coach know if you have a problem with something that is happening. Same holds true if your player isn't happy about something. We want to know if there is a problem right away. Very small things can cause a player to be upset. These problems can be fixed very easily if we know about them.
- 5) **During Games, Parents are to stay away from the dugout and away from the Backstop. We understand that this can be hard, but it is distracting for the coaches and the players. Coaches and Players should never be approached by parents during the game. Any and all communication shall be conducted in private after the game.**
- 6) Parents are responsible for supervising siblings. Please do not allow siblings to sit on the bench or in the dugout.
- 7) Let the coaches deal with the umpires, we are teaching the kids to show respect for the umpires and others, let's set a good example.
- 8) Be a positive role model for all the players. There shall be no trash talking on or off the field.
- 9) No Alcohol or tobacco products are allowed on or near the field.

I have read the Redbirds Rules and Agree to them:

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Parent(s)

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Player