

## Travel Baseball Parent Meeting Agenda:

1. Three expectations we have for our team: listen-hustle-fun...in that order
2. Great Participation from Parents so far...RSVP and helping run drills...let's keep it up awesome baseball knowledge and flexibility with our coaches
3. Gamechanger setup: We need someone/team to keep book.
4. Expectations for Coaches and Parent behavior: players play, coaches instruct, umps make the calls and parents cheer for what happened, not provide advice to players, coaches or umps!
  - This is about finding joy in playing with your kids and neighbors
  - Next Pitch: what did we learn from this pitch, what can we take into the next pitch
  - Never give up on a play [your teammates]
  - No one should get frustrated, if you find that you are, step away and collect yourself.
  - Let's be role models of behavior...including apologizing for mistakes and cooperating with kids on figuring out a compromise
  - It's a game. we compete against another team. We love baseball so much that we appreciate a strong play from our opponents. We are all just boys and parents
5. Our purpose/"triple bottom line" is: creating community-enjoying competitive athletics-getting boys ready for high level high school baseball: we feed TR/CDH/STA/SPA/SCL programs amongst others...this team of 11 boys attend 9 different grade schools!
6. Success is a .500 league record, because we are focused on developing skills
7. AAA baseball is for kids and families that love baseball. They put in time after practice and off days: if you want your son to pitch catch, play middle infield, come talk to me about a plan to get them there
8. Skills development: batting, pitching and fielding is developed through repetition! Boys must complete reps at home or they will fall behind. Replicating the drills we do in practice is a great approach. Periodically, we will suggest things to the parents for the boys to focus on, they need to take it to heart and put it in action, or they will fall behind. We can share with parents if they ask directly about anything in particular we all love baseball and developing skills. No one of us is perfect or all knowing, we are learning how to connect with each player on their skills needs too!
9. Bench time, select positions and lineup position are all earned, and they can be lost with behavior that is detrimental to the team (kindness and the golden rule prevail!). Players will be made aware of what behavior is detrimental and parents will be informed as well.
10. Tournaments are more competitive, we will still give all boys time in the infield and bench time will be fair, no more than 2 innings benched per game and it will be spread amongst all boys equitably across league games and tournaments.
11. Season schedule: targeting m-w games, 4-5 activities/ week. Boys need to be ready at the "arrival time", that is when pregame practice starts, not when we show up.
12. Weekend tourneys: priority is baseball, with few exceptions, have healthy food available