



NORTH VALLEY BASEBALL

MEMBER AGREEMENT/CONTRACT

The term “Team” in the Rules of Conduct shall refer to North Valley Baseball Development Team. The terms “Player” and “Member” may be used interchangeably in these rules and shall refer to the child participant of the Club. The term “Parent” as used in these rules, shall be applicable to any parent of a child member of the NVB Scout Team and will include, without limitation, step-parents, grandparents, legal guardians, other adult relatives and family friends who may be in attendance at games, practices, or who otherwise may be in a supervisory capacity for any participating member of the Club. By allowing a child to participate in activities sponsored by the NVB Scout Team, each parent agrees that he or she, the other parent, and any guardians, relatives or other adult supervisors who accompany their children to any games or practices will be bound by the rules provided herein. Parents are also expected to ensure that their other children in attendance at games or practices will abide by these rules as well. Parents of Players are considered adult “Members” of the Team and may be asked or invited to volunteer their time under certain conditions.

RULES OF CONDUCT

1. Game Day Behavior

- a. Parents should become familiar with the rules of the game.
- b. Parents must respect the integrity and judgment of sports officials.
- c. Parents must be encouraging, supportive and affirmative in regards to their and others child’s play, on and off the field (Including children on teams playing against their child or other member).
- d. **Parents must refrain from coaching and officiating from the stands. Parents who coach from the stands confuse players and often undermine what the coach and players are trying to achieve on the field. Parents who officiate from the stands undermine efforts to promote proper ideals of sportsmanship. **Player Dismissal****
- e. **Parents shall not gather in or near the bench or dugout area, or otherwise interfere with the Coaches while performing their duties. **1 Game Suspension****
- f. Parents may not step onto the playing field for any reason during a Game, Practice, except when invited to do so by the Director/Manager, or in the case of an injury to their child.
- g. Parents shall show good sportsmanship in ALL respects. All cheering should be positive and in a manner that is respectful to the opposing team’s players and parents. Remember, for every child who succeeds, there may be a disappointed child on the opposing team who is learning sportsmanship and skills as well.



2. Parental/Coach Communications

Parents are encouraged to communicate with the Manager and Coaching Staff of their child's team but only in the following manner:

- a. **Parents cannot communicate with the Manager or Coaching Staff of their child's team immediately before or during a game, except to convey factual information regarding a child's attendance or similar logistical information relating to that game, future practices, or games; such as transportation arrangements, absences, availability, etc. Absolutely no communication regarding any prior events (particularly grievances) may be made at such time.**
- b. If an issue arises that requires communication, parents must wait at least 24 hours after a game/practice before communicating with the Manager or Coaching Staff and should think carefully during this time about what they want to say and how it is likely to be received by a volunteer who is trying to weigh the needs of all of his/her players to what is best for the team.
- c. All communication with the Manager or Coaching Staff shall be in a civil tone and using appropriate language, showing the appropriate level of respect and taking into account that these coaches are volunteers who have been selected by the Club to act as an authority figure for your child.
- d. The types of issues that should be discussed between parents and coaches are the treatment of their child (mentally and physically), ways to help their child improve and concerns about their child's behavior.
- e. In connection with most club/travel teams, it is the stated philosophy that the NVB Team is a College Prep organization. Playing time for members of the Club may not be equal or substantially equal to that of another player(s). It is inappropriate for a parent to discuss their child's playing time. It is inappropriate for a parent to discuss team strategy and/or play calling, positioning or placement in batting order, etc. and any issues regarding any other children on the team, unless those issues relate to the safety and physical or mental well being of your child.
- f. Email communications between parents and coaches must be limited to communications involving schedules, attendance at future games, and response to coaches' Emails regarding similar topics. Under no circumstances are grievances between parents and coaches aired via email or text – these conversations should occur only in person or via telephone. All such conversations should be limited to the parent involved and the coach and should in no event be undertaken in a location where the affected player(s) are present. All such conversations must remain civil in both tone and choice language.
- g. Our teams may have slightly different goals and philosophies from recreational teams. Parents should understand the goals and philosophies of North Valley Baseball, as well as specific rules by which the Club is governed prior to having their child participate so as to avoid possible subsequent conflicts with the coaches.



3. Chain of Communication

Parents should first communicate with the specific Manager or Coach of their player's team. If issues remain after a good faith effort to resolve the concern, parents may communicate by telephone or email with a designated committee member Mark Hackbart 702-292-4532. If necessary, a meeting will be scheduled between parents and the designated member of our team.

4. Organizational Rules

- a. **Academics:** Academics are extremely important to NVB Team. Parents are expected to support, assist and monitor their child's academic endeavors. All progress reports must be turned into the Director within a week of receiving/or by the next practice, or whichever comes first. If at any time baseball and school conflict, contact the Manager or head coach immediately.
- b. **Attendance:** Players are expected to be at practice at least 15 minutes prior to the official practice time, and 1 hour prior to the official game time. **All players are expected to attend all practices, scrimmages, games, tournaments, and fundraisers.** If a player is unable to attend or will be late, the Head Coach or Team Manager must be notified as soon as possible. **A player that misses team functions without notice will be disbarred from the Development/Scout team**
- c. **Tournaments/Travel:** If a player is unable to attend a specific tournament or game on the established team calendar, a 30 days notice must be given to the Head Coach/Manager. This is to allow the Head Coach/Manager the opportunity and time to find a replacement/pick-up player if necessary. Emergencies and special circumstances will be taken into consideration and on a case-by-case basis. All tournaments for each new calendar year will be selected by the Coaches of each division for their respective teams and provided to parents in the month of December.
- d. **Pick-up Players:** The head Coach/Manager has the explicit right to invite any player not currently a member of the NVB Team to fill-in or participate in a practice, tournament, or other showcase event on a temporary basis, or until an official invitation is extended to that Guest Player to become a permanent Member of the Club.
- e. **Guest Play:** **Players are not allowed to guest play with any other baseball organization only upon granted permission by North Valley Baseball**
- f. **Attire & Equipment:** All Players must strictly adhere to the required attire and equipment. If a Player is unable to participate in a game or tournament, that that Player may be required to provide their uniforms to their Head Coach/Manager for a Pick-up Players use.
- g. **Player's Release:** A player may only be released from NVB by the Head Coach or upon the request of the Parent or Player.
- h. **Additions/Deletions:** All Members signing this agreement acknowledge that there may be a need to change, add, or delete sections of this agreement in the future.



- i. **Coaches Guidelines:** Coaches/Managers of the various age divisions within the Team may have specific guidelines/instructions for Players of their respective teams that have to be abided by.
- j. **Team Meetings:** All Members are expected to be at their respective team meetings. Team meetings may as necessary, or as the Head Coach/Manager deems necessary.
- k. **Forfeiture of Funds:** Upon a Player's release from North Valley, all dues, donations, and raised funds by a Player and his Parent(s) through various fundraising efforts for the benefit of the team will be forfeited to North Valley Baseball.

5. Violations of Rules of Conduct

Violations of the above Rules of Conduct by a Player, Parent, Guardian or those in attendance to support a Player on the Club include, but are to limited to the following:

- Fighting
- Foul Language
- Derogatory remarks made to umpires, Coaches, or Team Members
- Cheating or fraud of any kind
- Destruction of property, playing venue or other property
- Continued use of improper equipment or wearing of improper attire after being warned
- Malicious conduct of any kind
- Conduct deemed detrimental to the team or for the enjoyment of the game

6. Disciplinary Guidelines

- a. Parents who violate the above rules will be subject to suspension from viewing games, banishment from viewing all games, the suspension of their child from participating in any games, practices, or other events, and ultimately the release of their child from the club.
- b. For any incidents regarding a player's behavior or conduct, the witness to the incident shall inform the Coach or Manager of the team. The Head Coach will assess the incident and may subject the Player in violation to suspension or release.
- c. Enforcement of game rules during tournaments, exhibitions, scrimmages, etc., shall be at the sole responsibility of the umpire(s) who have been assigned to the game. Enforcement of additional conduct rules shall be the joint responsibility of the umpire(s) assigned to that game, and any persons designated by the club who are present at the game.



NORTH VALLEY BASEBALL
SCOUT TEAM
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The undersigned parents hereby acknowledge that they have read and understand the Rules of Conduct for the North Valley Baseball Development Team and fee schedule set forth above and agree to be bound by them. No child will be permitted to participate in any activities sanctioned by the Team; unless BOTH parents have signed this form, filled in the date, and returned this page to the Player's Head Coach/Manager.

Print Players Name

Age Division

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Print Name

Print Name:

Date

Date



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