



Oakland Travel Baseball Commitment

Dear Parents,

Oakland Travel Baseball offers our local youths the opportunity to play competitive baseball against other travel programs. The program includes a Spring and Summer season that runs from March thru the end of July.

It is the goal of this program to create an environment that will allow the players to realize their capabilities as baseball players; to develop confidence, self esteem and poise as athletes; to understand that their achievements are a direct result of their efforts; to cultivate lifelong friends among their teammates, and to support each other in all situations; and to understand that sportsmanship, not showmanship, is the major ingredient in playing with class.

While it is apparent that the *Oakland Travel Baseball* team is a competitive team, winning alone is **NOT** our primary objective. Boys are selected to the team based upon playing skills and ability to fulfill a role within our team environment. We teach positive TEAM skills in a fair environment. The boys respond well to this approach and the result is a competitive group with mutual support and good team chemistry. The same expectations are placed upon the parents. Mutual respect for all players, umpires, coaches and opponents at all times. The true purpose of our team is to provide a supportive and competitive environment so that the boys can improve as athletes on the field and young men of good character off the field. While we try to divide playing time amongst the boys, the stronger position players and top pitchers (as determined by the manager and coaches) will always receive more innings. The amount of playing time per individual is not guaranteed. This allows for healthy competition between teammates and serves as a just reward for personal improvement. We encourage the boys to stay focused and work hard. They learn that most things in life are competitive and that they need to put forth a strong, committed effort if they are to succeed.

Being chosen and accepting to play on the *Oakland Travel Baseball* team is accepting the responsibility of participating in all practices, games and tournaments, and acknowledging and agreeing to the following:

- After 1 free pass, if a game or practice is missed it is up to the discretion of the Manager to sit the player for up to one game.
- Wait 24hrs after a game or practice to file a complaint w/ the manager.
- Grievance escalation process starts with the Manager, and if not satisfied the issue will be brought to the Travel Director and then finally to the Recreation Baseball Commissioner if not resolved.
- No parent should enter the dugout during a game or actively provide coaching instructions to their son during a live game.
- No badgering umpires or opposing coaches
- No distracting or negative comments from the stands
- Clean up after yourselves after games or practices

By accepting this letter you have also agreed to committing and prioritizing the Oakland Travel Baseball Program over other regularly conflicting obligations; otherwise it may result in being dismissed from the Oakland Travel team. The news of the dismissal will come from the Manager, but ultimately the decision will come from the Oakland Travel Baseball Director and the Oakland Recreation Baseball Commissioner.

Thank you all very much for having your son tryout for Travel Baseball in Oakland.
See you all at the field.

Oakland Travel Baseball Organization