



NORTHERN PARENT/GUARDIAN CONTRACT

The following is a contract that all parents will be required to sign prior to joining our organization. This helps establish clear expectations for all - players and coaches will also have their own contracts that they will also sign. By signing this contract, I can confirm my support of my child's commitment to become a member of the Northern League. My family is an extension of the team's baseball family and as a result I understand I am expected to do my best to commit to team rules and expectations.

1. I acknowledge that any deposit and team fees paid for the upcoming season are non-refundable. By completing and submitting this contract we acknowledge that if we change our minds and decide not to honor our commitment to the team, I understand that this deposit will not be refunded. I also understand that if we leave the team during the season, no fees that have been paid to the league will be refunded.
2. I commit to making sure that I do my best for my child to arrive at games and practices on time. This means often arriving 1 hour early for games and 15 minutes for practices, so that my child has enough time to get situated prior to joining practice or pre-game preparations. If an unexpected event happens that may prevent timely arrival, I will make sure that the coaches are aware as soon as possible.
3. I will be sure that my child is properly equipped for both practices and games. This includes proper uniforms, gloves, bats, cleats, and bags.
4. I will make sure that my child is properly hydrated and fueled for practices and games. My child will arrive with water and food, if necessary. If we have a morning game, my child will eat prior to the game. Barring back-to-back games, extenuating circumstances, or diet I will refrain from bringing food and drink in the dugout during games.
5. I will show respect for the umpires. They will often make the wrong call, but the job is not an easy one. Voicing my displeasure will not improve the situation.
6. I will stay away from the dugout during games and practices. My job as a parent is to cheer on the team. While not easy, I will let go and allow my child to perform, succeed, and fail.
7. I will refrain from coaching from the stands and allow coaches to coach. I know that providing potentially conflicting messages during a game can be confusing to the players and my interaction may interfere with their ability to focus on the game.

8. I will be a good role model for my child regarding sportsmanship, teamwork, and self confidence. These things start with the adults and then the players will follow their lead. We will take pride in how we carry ourselves and treat our opponents.

9. I will be responsible for the behavior of my family and friends that may attend practice and games. Others may come to see my child play and I will make sure that they know our rules and values.

10. I will provide encouragement for my child and all of their teammates. All players need to hear positive encouragement throughout the game and we are all in this together.

11. I will respect the opposing teams, coaches, and fans. They are the same as us in many ways, only wearing different uniforms. Appreciation for their performance and respect for their abilities will contribute to a positive game environment.

12. I will get to know the team's goals and values, and reinforce them with my child. I will read through those expectations and provide reminders when they are not met.

13. I will help my child embrace their role with our team, no matter what it may be. I may not agree with their spot in the batting order or field, but it is important that I help my child embrace and master that role for the best possible experience.

14. I will support the coaching staff's message. While I will not always agree with the coach, I also understand that contradicting that message is counterproductive.

15. If there are disagreements about how my child is used, I will have my child schedule a time to discuss this with the coaches. If after these discussions with coaches there still remain questions, I can schedule a time to talk to the coaches.

16. I will not approach the coach about disagreements with his coaching, style, or philosophy during or after games. These things should be discussed through proper setting and channels - in person or by phone. Text messages and email are not appropriate to discuss these issues.

17. I will respect the challenges the coaches face and the time commitment that they make. I know that coaching is not easy. It's a significant contribution of time and energy, with no compensation other than enjoyment.

18. I will pay all season fees in full by the required due date. I will fully participate in ALL fundraisers.

19. I will offer my help as a volunteer to leverage my skills where possible. The success of this organization relies on contributions from parents and fans. I will contribute whatever I can to help.

20. I understand that winning is important to the team, but our organization's primary objective is to promote an environment for player growth and development. They will win. They will lose. They will make mistakes. Most importantly is that they will learn through success and failure. I will do everything in my power to create a positive experience for not only my child, but for all players, coaches, and families.

I will do my part to contribute to the success of our baseball family. I will do my best to follow all of our rules and values that will make us a great organization. Depending on the severity and frequency of infractions, I understand that my actions may impact the standing of my child with our organization. If my child is removed as a result of rules violations by my child or family, I understand that a refund of any funds will not be issued. I understand these rules, and I will represent my child and organization well. Go Northern!

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date