



General Information

Please read this information and then both player and parent need to sign, date and **return the Team Agreement (last 3 pages) to your team's head coach.** Please read the following guidelines that the Pleasantville Sports Association expects its players and parents to follow. In an effort to clearly define what is expected from each player, parent, and coach the following guidelines have been developed.

The PSA reserves the right to amend these guidelines at any time with or without prior notice to players and parents.

Active Players

When an individual is chosen to be a member of a PSA team, the individual becomes an Active Player once the Team Agreement is signed. All deposits are non-refundable.

PSA Parent, Family, Fans Code of Conduct Agreement

"This applies to all family members - (i.e., grandmothers, cousins, dad, etc.)"

I understand that travel ball is a highly competitive sport and there are no guarantees as to the amount of playing time or position that my child will play during games. I am aware that the team has limited membership, and as such that my child's participation is crucial in maintaining the standards of play the team is working to attain.

Because of the excitement and high emotion of some of our games, guidelines regarding what the organization expects from parents and their children appear in this agreement. The essential elements of character building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. Please know that cheering, excitement and exuberance is encouraged, but please be careful and always express this in a positive manner. Even when being vocal in an attempt to help a child, you should avoid acting or saying anything that is demeaning to your child or someone else's. By signing this agreement you understand you are not by yourself in a vacuum when things are said and done at games. Your child, the players and parents from both teams observe and hear everything that is said and done.

Parent's poor or over-the-top behavior will ruin the experience for others. Parents are welcomed to help at practice. **At Games, only the coaches will be allowed in the dugout and/or on the bench.** The organization will not tolerate any behavior on the playing field or in the stands that would hinder the spirit of sportsmanship and cooperation that we are trying to encourage on the field.

1. **DO NOT COACH YOUR CHILD FROM THE STANDS.** The coach and player may have specific signs, or prearranged scenarios to ask a player to do something. Do not interfere with that Coach's instruction.
2. Abusive and foul language is not permitted.
3. We strongly encourage parents to emphasize skill development at home and to practice on a weekly basis at home.
4. Conduct of any guests of parents is the responsibility of the parent/guardian whose child will participate on the team.
5. I will do my part to have my player attend all practices, tournaments/ scrimmages, and fundraisers at the designated time.
6. Because the manager and coaches are volunteers, think twice before saying something critical.
7. Reinforce and remind your child to honor the player's code of conduct he/she is bound to uphold.
8. I will make sure my child remains in the dugout and/or on the bench when she is not in the game, and to cheer his/her teammates.
9. I will remember that children participate in sports to have fun and that the game is for youths, not adults.
10. I will inform the coaches of any ailment, injury or physical disability that may affect the safety of the child or the safety of others.
11. I will not openly complain about or, bring up, team issues or my displeasure about other players in front of my daughter, other players or team parents.
12. I will respect the officials and their authority during the games and will never question, discuss, or confront the coaching staff after the game. I will take the time to speak with the coaches at an agreed time or place.
13. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to understand the concept of what it means to be a team player.
14. I will demand that my child treat other players and coaches, officials, and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, ability, or difference of opinion.
15. I will learn the rules and policies of the team, and of the game we play.
16. I will not yell at, criticize, or ridicule my child or any participant for making a mistake or losing a competition.
17. I will reinforce to my child not to ask the coaches during a game, scrimmage, or practice about playing time, batting order placement, starting or substitute status. Should I have any questions concerning specific playing time, positions(s), and/or concerns regarding interest in specific areas of the game, I will discuss this matter with the coaches directly at the appropriate time and place (outside of team events).
18. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility, verbal abuse, or violence.
19. I will not disrespect the property and equipment used at any sports facility. This includes disposal of trash, restrooms, and parking lot.
20. **I will not force my child to play on the team if she does not want to.**
21. It is understood that I may withdraw my player from the team at anytime upon written notice to the Head Coach. No fees will be refunded. Any uniforms or equipment must be returned to the organization upon request. Unpaid items ordered prior to withdrawal are forfeited.

Player Code of Conduct

I understand that travel ball is a competitive sport and there are no guarantees as to the amount of playing time or position that I will play during games. I will agree to listen and follow the instructions of the team head coach and coaching staff at ALL TIMES. I am aware that the team has limited membership, and as such that each player's participation (including my own) is crucial in maintaining the standards of play we are striving to attain. As such, I understand my attendance at all games practices, team meetings, scrimmages and official games is important to the Team's success. I agree to display good sportsmanship, positive behavior, cheer on my teammates, take pride in personal & team accomplishments, and accept winning or defeat with dignity at all times.

Obey and understand the following:

1. During games: I understand that team rules require me and my teammates to remain in the dugout and/or on the bench while the game is going on (AT ALL TIMES). I am not allowed to sit with parents or with spectators. Even if I am not in the game. (Excused illness only)
2. Take pride, care and wear my uniform properly at all times.
3. Wear my entire uniform at games (removal of any part for any reason must be first approved by the coach)
4. During the game, I will know where my equipment is at all times
5. While in the dugout, I will cheer on my teammates. **No distracting horse-play.**
6. I will pay attention to the game on the field at all times. I will watch and pay attention for base running instructions from the base coaches and not from fans watching the game, including parents.
7. NO player is to question a coach about player position or playing time during a game either about themselves or in second hand conversation to others. There are proper times and place for this. Tournament weekend or games isn't one.
8. I agree to NOT: use foul language, physical aggression, and uncooperative behavior/body language (including: facial expressions, back talk, body gestures that criticize my coach or any member of the coaching staff or players).
9. When in the game, I will pay attention to the game and be ready to make a play to help my team at all times.
10. I am aware and understand that there will be consequences for not following these rules and that they are:
 - Change of playing position and or, reduced playing time.
 - Removal from the game/ lineup
 - Released from the team
 - Running sprints, laps, etc.
11. Should I have any questions concerning specific playing time, positions(s), and/or concerns regarding interest in specific areas of the game, I will discuss this matter with my manager or coaches directly at the appropriate time and place (outside of games, practices, the team dug out).

Consequences and Penalties

Failure to live up to the Code of Conduct, whether it be by the athlete or parent, may result in one of the following sanctions being imposed by the Coach and/or the Board of Directors upon the athlete.

1. Suspension from the team - the suspension imposed may range anywhere from one game or practice to one or more games or weeks, depending upon the severity of the misconduct and the surrounding circumstances.
2. Dismissal from the team for the remainder of the season.
3. Permanent dismissal from the Pleasantville Sports Association.

Financial/Payment

Each year the Board of Directors of the PSA will develop and implement an organizational and team operating budget.

Once a due or fee is paid it is non-refundable. No exceptions. Financial hardship cases can be submitted to the Director of Operations and the Board of Directors for consideration. Each case is confidential between the Board and the family/player and based on an individual basis and no case will set a precedent.

Possible Reasons for Suspension or Expulsion from the Team

1. Failure to comply with PSA Player/Parent Handbook guidelines.
2. Walking out on practices, meetings or games.
3. Exhibiting disrespectful or negative behavior towards teammates, coaches, officials, or spectators. Each case will be handled on an individual basis.
4. Failure to comply with team expectations and rules.

Waiver / Release of Liability

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way on a PSA team, related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates and agrees that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in the program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment and personal discipline may reduce the risk, the risk of serious injury does exist and,
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume all responsibility for any participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately, and
4. I for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby release and hold harmless the Pleasantville Sports Association, their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

I have read this release of liability and assumptions of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by signing it, and sign it freely and voluntarily without any inducement. By signing, I agree to the above statements and verify that the date of birth is correct.

Player Signature _____ Date _____

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Validated By _____ Date _____

Pleasantville Sports Association

Player Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Age: _____ DOB: _____

Email Address #1: _____

Divison/Team: _____

Email Address: #2: _____

Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Guardian Name: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Medical Information (Allergies, Medical Condition, etc):

Medical Authorization

In the event reasonable attempts to contact the parents or guardians have been unsuccessful, I hereby give my consent for (1) the administration of any treatment deemed necessary by preferred Dr. (2), or preferred Dentist or in the event designated Dr. or dentist is not available, by another licensed physician or dentist; and (2) the transfer of the child to preferred hospital or any hospital reasonably accessible.

NOTE: This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical options of two other licensed physicians or dentists, concurring in necessity for such surgery are obtain BEFORE the surgery IS PERFORMED.

Player Name: _____

Parent/Guardian/Custodian: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

AUTHORIZATION TO USE PHOTOGRAPHS AND/OR AUDIO-VISUAL

I, _____, hereby authorize the PSA to use, reproduce, and/or publish photographs and/or video that may pertain to me—including my image, likeness and/or voice without compensation. I understand that this material may be used in various publications, public news releases, recruitment materials, broadcast public videos or for other related endeavors. This material may also appear on the PSA Internet Web Page. This authorization is continuous and may only be withdrawn by my specific rescission of this authorization. Consequently, the PSA may publish materials, use my name, photograph, and/or make reference to me in any manner that the PSA deems appropriate in order to promote/publicize the organization.

Player Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Player and Parent Contract Acknowledgement

I, _____, have agreed to play for the PSA for the period August 01, 2023 through July 31, 2024 and further agree to all terms and conditions set forth below. I agree there are no guarantees about player position or playing time and that these decisions are at the sole discretion of the Coach. I understand there will be ongoing player development costs, tournament fees, occasional equipment fees, and other miscellaneous fees associated with the expense of funding the PSA operations and agree to pay all expected tuition by the requested due dates. Any funds, personal property or personal time contributed toward purchasing these items are a non-refundable usage fee.

Player and Parent Team Agreement

Player I have read and understand the Pleasantville Sports Association Policies & Codes of Conduct and pledge to follow them. Furthermore, I understand that NOT abiding by the Policies & Codes of Conduct may lead to removal from the team.

Player Date

Parent/Guardian

As the above player's parent/guardian I have read, understand and will abide with the team's Policies & Codes of Conduct. Further, I understand that NOT abiding by the Policies & Codes of Conduct may lead to removal from the team of my player.

Parent/Guardian Date

Coach Date