

# PROGRAM PARENT RULES

Here at Golden Era Baseball we truly want everyone from the players to the parents to the coaches to have a great experience. To help with that we have some simple rules and straightforward code of conduct.

## **TALKING TO A COACH RULES WHILE THEIR COACHING OR PREPARING:**

- Under no circumstance whatsoever should a parent approach a coach **EITHER BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER A GAME** 'to talk about playing time or anything directly related to your player OTHER than an injury we need to be aware of'.
  - This includes any time at the ball park in-between games
  - Let our coaches' coach
  
- Under no circumstance whatsoever should a parent approach a coach **EITHER BEFORE, DURING OR AFTER PRACTICE** 'To talk about playing time or anything directly related to your player OTHER than an injury we need to be aware of'.

## **PLAYING FOR ONLY ONE TEAM RULE:**

- Players are only to play for Golden Era and no other team throughout the season UNLESS in the extremely rare case you talk to us in the fall before officially joining and we say it's okay.

## **LATE FOR PRACTICE OR GAME RULE:**

Players are expected to be at all practices on time and ready to go.

We also know though life sometimes gets in the way and it makes it impossible for you to get your player to practice on time. Things happen every now and then.

If your player is ever going to be LATE or has to MISS practice just have your PLAYER give our **YOUTH PROGRAM DIRECTOR** a call to let him know. **No texts or emails, A PHONE CALL from your player.**

## **PRACTICE RULES:**

Because of the players and families we do our best to bring in to be part of our Program VERY rarely do we even have a player miss practice for any reason.

At any rate though we do have Practice Rules established.

### **The Way It Works With Missing Practice:**

- **FOR EACH PRACTICE A PLAYER MISSES HE WILL USUALLY SIT OUT AT LEAST FOR AN ENTIRE GAME.**
  - For example, a family goes on a vacation in the middle of the season and the player misses 3 practices, he will in most cases sit out (Not Play) in at least 3 games once you return.

Real simply, it's hard for us to play a player who wasn't at practice over one who was there.

Of course there are excusable reasons to not be at practice, which we as coaches will always take into account on a case by case basics.

- **For Example 1**, if we have a player who has been here 3 years and has NEVER MISSED a practice in 3 years, that player and family is going to get the benefit of the doubt if they miss one practice. That player and family has earned it.
- **Example 2**, on the flip side, if you're just joining the program and we have a player who for one reason or another misses practice on an every other week basics, his playing time will most likely be dramatically limited.
- If there's a family emergency (Obvious excusable reason)
- A required school event (Open House, Graduation) (Obvious excusable reasons)

## **GENERAL RULES:**

- To positively support the players
- To respect the coaches at all times
- To not come to the dugout and talk to a coach or player during a game or practice (Unless in regards to an injury) Let the coaches coach
- To have your player at practice **on time**
- To pick up your player from practice **on time**
- To have your player at games **on time**
- If you're ever going to be late for a practice or a game to have your player call our Youth Program Director to let him know (**No Emails or Texts**) A phone call
- To turn in all (Field, Tournament & Game) payments **on time**
- To not coach your player or the team from the stands

### **This includes:**

- Positioning your player or any player from the stands
  - Giving your player signs on what pitch to throw
  - Yelling to your player to "HIT AWAY" if he tried to bunt
  - Having your player in the stands during a game
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- To represent the Program positively at all practices, games & tournaments

### **EXAMPLES OF NOT:**

Yelling at the umpire or fans of the other team

## **ALCOHOL RULE (PRACTICE)**

- Alcohol is not permitted at our practices.
- Mixing alcohol and youth sports is NEVER a good mix!

We are running practices for kids, not sitting in the bleachers at a Giants game. There is a time and place for everything, and sitting in the stands while we are running a practice is NOT the place to have a few beers.

## **ALCOHOL RULE (TOURNAMENTS)**

Many tournament venues we attend sell and allow the consumption of alcohol. If the venue allows alcohol then parents of course are allowed to make their own decision.

**However, keep in mind** our rule and expectation of always representing the program positively.

Excessive drinking of alcohol and in-turn acting like an idiot at a tournament venue will be an automatic removal from the Golden Era Baseball Program.

- **AGGREEMENT BELOW**
- **Please print ONLY the below page and return**

# Program Rules Agreement

I understand and agree to uphold Golden Era Baseball's Program Rules.

I further understand and agree that being part of Golden Era Baseball is a privilege, not a right. And that paying fees does NOT entitle myself or anyone in my family to:

- Misrepresent the Program
- Disrespect the Organization
- Disrespect the Coaches
- Or guarantee a certain amount of playing time

I understand and agree, in the event of any violation of the Program Parent Rules, or any other occurrence not listed that would be grounds for removal, we as a family and our player could be removed from the Golden Era Baseball program.

I know and agree, that in the event a family or player are removed from the program that there are NO REFUNDS OF FEES.

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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