

PBYSA Baseball Parent Pledge

Disclaimer: Refusal to agree to and abide by guidelines set forth in the Parent Pledge can result in dismissal from the program without a refund.

1. **I pledge to get my child to practice and games on time.** I understand that it can be embarrassing for my child to be late and that I may be putting him/her at risk by not providing adequate time for warm up. I will be on time to pick up my child from all games and practices. This shows respect for the coach, and it tells my child that he or she is my top priority. I will not drop off my child or any other child and leave them unattended. Unless another adult is given specific directions and responsibility for your child, you cannot leave the child at the field alone.

2. **I pledge to use positive encouragement to fill my child's Emotional Tank** because athletes do their best when their "Emotional Tank" is full. I understand that fewer than 1% of youth sports participants receive college scholarships and that the top three reasons kids play sports are a) to have fun, b) to make new friends, and c) to learn new skills. I understand that the game is for the players, and I will keep sports in the proper perspective.

3. **I pledge to reinforce the ELM Tree of Mastery with my child (E for Effort, L for Learning and M for bouncing back from Mistakes).** Winners are people who make maximum effort, continue to learn and improve, and do not let mistakes, or fear of making mistakes, stop them. I understand that mistakes are an inevitable part of any game and that people learn from their mistakes. I understand that children are born with different abilities and that the true measure is not how my child compares to others but how he/she is doing in comparison to his/her best self.

4. **I pledge to "Honor the Game."** I understand the importance of setting a good example for my child. No matter what others may do, I will show respect for all involved in the game including coaches, players, opponents, opposing fans, and officials. I understand that officials make mistakes. If the official makes a "bad" call against my team, I will Honor the Game and be silent!

5. **I pledge to refrain from yelling out instructions to my child.** I understand that this is the coach's job. I understand that games are chaotic times for children trying to deal with fast-paced action and respond to opponents, teammates and coaches. I will limit my comments during the game to **encouraging my child and other players for both teams.**

6. **I pledge to refrain from making negative comments about my child's coach in my child's presence.** I understand that this plants a negative seed in my child's head that can negatively influence my child's motivation and overall experience.

7. **I pledge to not use profanity at any sporting event** (games or practices).

8. **I pledge to not use tobacco or alcohol at any sporting event** (games or practices).

9. **I pledge to help the team fulfill the team's financial requirements, either through sponsorships, fundraisers, or parental contribution**

10. **I pledge to adhere to all rules and decisions set down by the Baseball Committee.**

11. **I agree to help clean up the grounds/facilities.** It is through volunteerism that we will keep our registration fees down.

12. **I will not bring any pets to the Southwest Escambia County Sportsplex.** Pets are not allowed per county rules ordinance Code 1985, § 1-4-10; Ord. No. 2010-9, § 3, 4-8-2010.

Players Name _____

Parents Signature _____ Date _____