



SOUTH BEND VALOR BASEBALL

YOUTH BASEBALL PROGRAM

PARENT / GUARDIAN AGREEMENT & CODE OF CONDUCT

Required for Player Participation · All Levels & Divisions

SECTION 1 — PARTIES & PURPOSE

This Parent/Guardian Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into between South Bend Valor Baseball ("the Organization") and the undersigned parent(s) or legal guardian(s) ("Parent/Guardian") of the player named below. Execution of this Agreement is a condition of the player's participation in any South Bend Valor Baseball program.

Player Full Legal Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Team / Division:** _____

Season / Year: _____

Parent/Guardian Full Legal Name: _____

Relationship to Player: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact (if different): _____ **Phone:** _____

SECTION 2 — ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF ORGANIZATIONAL AUTHORITY

Parent/Guardian acknowledges that coaches, team staff, and organizational leadership are volunteers and representatives acting in the best interest of the players and the program, and agrees to respect their authority regarding coaching decisions, playing time, positions, and team strategy. Parent/Guardian acknowledges that decisions regarding playing time, position assignments, and lineup are at the sole discretion of the coaching staff.

SECTION 3 — PARENT/GUARDIAN CODE OF CONDUCT

Parent/Guardian agrees to model good sportsmanship and to abide by the following standards of conduct at all games, practices, and Organization events:

- Treat all players, coaches, officials, umpires, opposing teams, and spectators with respect and courtesy
- Support the Organization's philosophy that player development, effort, and sportsmanship take priority over winning
- Refrain from coaching, correcting, or directing players from the sidelines during games or practices
- Refrain from criticizing, berating, or arguing with coaches, umpires, officials, or players — including one's own child — before, during, or after any game or practice
- Never approach, confront, or argue with an umpire, official, opposing coach, or opposing player at any time

- Never use profanity, threats, intimidation, or abusive language at any Organization event
- Never consume alcohol or use illegal substances at any practice, game, or Organization event, or attend any such event while under the influence
- Refrain from any physical altercation, or threat of physical altercation, with any individual at an Organization event
- Refrain from any form of discrimination or harassment based on race, ethnicity, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin

SECTION 4 — PROHIBITED CONDUCT & VIOLATIONS

The following conduct is strictly prohibited and may result in immediate removal from a game or facility, suspension from Organization events, or dismissal of the player from the program, at the Organization's sole discretion:

- Physical violence or threats of violence directed at any player, coach, official, or spectator
- Verbal abuse, harassment, or intimidation of any player, coach, official, or spectator
- Public criticism of coaching decisions, playing time, or team strategy directed at coaches or officials during an event
- Interference with a coach's authority over the team during a game or practice
- Possession or use of alcohol or illegal substances at an Organization event
- Any conduct that organizational leadership determines, in its sole discretion, to be detrimental to the safety, welfare, or reputation of the Organization, its players, or its community standing

SECTION 5 — DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

In the event of a violation of this Agreement, the Organization may take disciplinary action proportionate to the severity of the conduct, which may include, without limitation:

- A verbal or written warning
- Removal from the game, practice, or facility for the remainder of the event
- Suspension from future games, practices, or events for a defined period
- Removal of the player from the program without refund of fees paid

The Organization reserves sole discretion in determining appropriate disciplinary action and is not obligated to follow a specific sequence of escalation for serious violations.

SECTION 6 — COMMUNICATION POLICY

Parent/Guardian agrees to direct any questions, concerns, or complaints regarding coaching decisions, playing time, or team matters to the appropriate coach or organizational leadership through respectful, private communication — never during a game or practice, and never in front of players. Parent/Guardian agrees to allow a cooling-off period of at least twenty-four (24) hours following a game or practice before raising a non-urgent concern with a coach. Matters involving player safety should be reported to organizational leadership immediately.

SECTION 7 — ATTENDANCE & COMMITMENT

Parent/Guardian agrees to make reasonable efforts to ensure the player attends all scheduled practices, games, and team events, and to notify the coaching staff in advance of any known absence. Parent/Guardian acknowledges that consistent attendance supports both the player's development and the team's success.

SECTION 8 — FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Parent/Guardian agrees to pay all applicable registration fees, uniform costs, and other program fees by the deadlines established by the Organization. Fee amounts and payment deadlines will be communicated

separately by the Organization and are incorporated into this Agreement by reference. The Organization reserves the right to withhold a player's participation for unpaid fees. Registration fees are non-refundable except at the sole discretion of the Organization.

SECTION 9 — VOLUNTEER & TEAM SUPPORT EXPECTATIONS

Parent/Guardian agrees to support the Organization's operations by participating in reasonable volunteer duties as requested, which may include, but are not limited to, team snack/water duty, scorekeeping, field setup or teardown, fundraising activities, and concession stand support.

SECTION 10 — TRANSPORTATION

Parent/Guardian is responsible for arranging transportation for the player to and from all practices, games, and team events, unless otherwise coordinated with the Organization. Parent/Guardian consents to allow the player to travel in a carpool arranged by another parent/guardian only with Parent/Guardian's separate written authorization for that specific arrangement.

SECTION 11 — PHOTO, VIDEO & MEDIA RELEASE

Parent/Guardian grants South Bend Valor Baseball a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to photograph, film, and record the player during Organization activities, and to use such images, video, and the player's first name for team communications, promotional materials, social media, and the Organization's website. Parent/Guardian may revoke this consent in writing at any time; revocation will apply prospectively only.

- ☐ Parent/Guardian consents to the media release described above
- ☐ Parent/Guardian does NOT consent (player's image/likeness shall not be used)

SECTION 12 — MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION & EMERGENCY TREATMENT

In the event Parent/Guardian cannot be immediately reached during an Organization activity, Parent/Guardian authorizes the Organization's staff to seek and authorize emergency medical treatment for the player, including transportation to a medical facility, as deemed necessary by attending medical personnel. Parent/Guardian agrees to be financially responsible for any medical expenses incurred and agrees to provide accurate information regarding the player's known medical conditions, allergies, and medications below.

Known Allergies / Medical Conditions: _____

Current Medications: _____

Primary Physician / Insurance Provider: _____

SECTION 13 — ASSUMPTION OF RISK & LIABILITY WAIVER

Parent/Guardian acknowledges that baseball is a physical activity that carries an inherent risk of injury, including but not limited to being struck by a ball or bat, collision with other players, and other risks common to the sport. Parent/Guardian voluntarily assumes these risks on behalf of the player and agrees to release, discharge, and hold harmless South Bend Valor Baseball, its coaches, staff, volunteers, and affiliated venues from any and all claims, liability, or damages arising from the player's participation in Organization activities, except to the extent caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the Organization or its representatives.

Parent/Guardian confirms that the player is in good physical condition and is not aware of any condition that would prevent safe participation in baseball activities, except as disclosed in Section 12 above.

SECTION 14 — CONFIDENTIALITY

Parent/Guardian agrees to keep confidential any non-public information shared by the Organization, including team rosters, other families' contact information, and internal Organization communications, and agrees not to use such information for any purpose outside of supporting the team.

SECTION 15 — GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Indiana. Any disputes arising under this Agreement shall be resolved in the courts of St. Joseph County, Indiana.

SECTION 16 — ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement, together with the Organization's team rules and policies as communicated from time to time, constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties with respect to the subject matter herein. This Agreement may only be amended in writing.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT & SIGNATURE

This Agreement is mandatory for all South Bend Valor Baseball families. By signing below, Parent/Guardian acknowledges that they have read, understood, and agree to all terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, including the Code of Conduct, Disciplinary Process, and Assumption of Risk & Liability Waiver, as a condition of the player's participation in South Bend Valor Baseball.

PARENT / GUARDIAN:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____