
PARENT RULES AND POLICY

SECTION IV

I. Introduction

- A. Legion Baseball is a big commitment, and requires the support of the player's parents/family. Each player's families are seen as a representative of Bozeman Legion Baseball and shall be held to high moral and ethical standards in regards to their behavior at the park. Additionally, family members will be required to work shifts at the park as established by the Executive Committee.

II. Fees and Fines

- A. Parents will be responsible for paying appropriate fees
- B. Any other costs incurred by the player is the parent's responsibility. This includes but not limited to: replacement of uniform, hotel damages, etc.

III. Fund Raising

- A. *See Fundraising and Sponsors Policy Section V of the Organization Book*

IV. Conduct

- A. No spectators allowed in the dugout during a game. Between games, it is permitted to spend the first 10 minutes after our team break outside of the dugout, talking/eating with non-players.
- B. Interacting with fans or parents during a game is not allowed. The player's focus should be on his role in helping the team and supporting his teammates
- C. Parents, once the game begins, please do not drop any food or drinks off with your son until intermission. Pop/soda will not be allowed in the dugout—unless approved by the coach.
- D. Parents of all players are expected to be courteous and polite at all tryouts, practices, home and away games, and team functions. Parents shall refrain from all forms of negative and combative cheering. Consumption of alcohol will be in moderation and decorum will be maintained. Persons who violate this policy will be asked to leave the park. Repeat offenders may be banned from the park.
- E. Parents will be allowed to watch practices from the grandstands or outside the fence only. However, please keep in mind that your role is to parent and support your son, not coach them.

V. Game Responsibilities

- A. All parents are required to do their duties (concessions, field work, ticket taking, etc.) or find a replacement if they can't work. Please do not put it on someone else to find a replacement for you at the last minute or just not show up

- B. All parents or guardians are expected to work on a volunteer basis during the seasons. At the beginning of each season, parent/guardian work schedules will be put together and distributed to the parents and guardians. If during the course of the season, parents or guardians have unforeseen conflicts in their schedules and are unable to work their scheduled duties, the parent or guardian is responsible to find a suitable replacement to work their schedule. Additional player fees may be added to a family if they are not participating in their work duties. The EC will determine number of units of parent required volunteer work.
- C. Parents will not be responsible for field work after games. This will be our team's responsibility. Parents will be asked to help before and in-between games, and take care of the other duties such as concessions, announcing, scorekeeping, and ticket gate.

VI. Playing Time or Other Grievances

- A. Players are encouraged to approach the coaching staff to talk about playing time or other matters. Parents will not talk to coaches regarding playing time, coaching philosophies, or other matters such as this at any time during the season. If, after the coach and player have met and there remains a problem, the parents may set up a meeting with the coach, with the player present. For grievances regarding matters other than playing time, parents should address the coach by phone, email or text to resolve the issue and set up a meeting if necessary. It is required to wait one day after an event occurs to approach the coach to allow emotions to cool.

VII. Player Expectations

- A. As coaches, we would prefer the best players be on the field at all times. However, talent is not the only thing that is important on the diamond. Work ethic, leadership, mental toughness, and the ability to work as a team to win games are all very important in baseball. Therefore, talent alone will not get your son on the field. There will be times when a more talented player is sitting on the bench while a lesser player is on the field. **THERE IS A REASON FOR THIS!** Most likely, your son did something at practice that distracted from the team's goals of working together towards winning a championship. Please understand that your son is sitting for a reason and do not immediately question the coaches' judgement.
- B. Please help us reinforce those key character building traits mentioned above and first ask your player if perhaps he did something that may have taken away from the team's progress.

- VIII. Transfer of Players. All transfer of players into or out of the Legion program will follow the programs *Player Transfer Policy in the Organization Book*. The parent is responsible for the completion of relevant paperwork; transfer players will not be eligible for tryouts until all paperwork is complete.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF READING AND UNDERSTANDING

BOZEMAN BASEBALL, INC.

BOZEMAN AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL POST 14

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We, the undersigned, have read, understand, and agree to abide by Bozeman Baseball, Inc.'s Parent Rules and Policies for the Bozeman American Legion Baseball Post 14 as set forth in the Parent Rules and Policies Section III of the Organization Book

Parent/Guardian Name	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
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