

Meadows All Play Baseball Coaches Contract

Preamble

Meadows All Play Baseball is a volunteer-based organization dedicated to providing all play baseball for our community.

As a volunteer coach, we ask that you read through the following agreement carefully to ensure that it matches your expectations as someone who has chosen to give their time to coach children under the auspices of Meadows All Play Baseball.

Articles of the Agreement

In my capacity as a coach for Meadows All Play Baseball, I agree to:

- (1) Provide identification to Meadows All Play Baseball Board of Directors and authorize that a police records check be processed by Meadows All Play as required, with an updated police check processed every three years.
- (2) Follow the League Rules of Meadows All Play Baseball.
- (3) Read and follow the Coaching Code of Conduct.
- (4) Follow the policies and procedures established by the Meadows All Play Board of Directors in their capacity as the elected body representing the league membership.
- (5) Cooperate and work with other coaches, assistant coaches, team representatives and the Meadows All Play Board of Directors.
- (6) Advocate a sports environment for my team that is free of drugs, tobacco, alcohol and abusive language.
- (7) Work with the players and their parents, using discussion and debate where appropriate, and to provide the necessary leadership to guide the group.
- (8) Develop the skills of baseball and provide an equal play environment to each member of my team.



Meadows All Play Baseball

Coaching Code of Conduct

Do teach players fair play, integrity, fairness and respect.

Do set an example for good behaviour.

Do show up for games and practices on time.

Do give each player equal playing time in each game and in each position.

Do recognize and reward achievements other than the scoring of runs.

Do inform the parents of any injuries the player may have suffered.

Do attend coaches meetings as scheduled by Meadows All Play Baseball.

Do take coaching clinics to develop your skills as provided by Meadows All Play Baseball.

Do promote respect, through your words and actions, for the rules of the game, officials and their decisions, opponents, teammates and parents.

Do inform your division commissioner before scheduling or canceling a makeup game or rescheduling a practice. The division commissioner must approve all unscheduled games and practices.

Be reasonable in scheduling of practices and extra games.

Be positive and constructive in your words and actions.

Be prepared for your practices.

DO NOT yell at your players or league officials.

DO NOT ridicule your players.



MEADOWS ALL-PLAY BASEBALL

General Rules

DIVISION AGE LEVELS:

The following list defines the divisions and age levels within the League:

- **T Ball/ Coach Pitch:** Boys & Girls ages 4, 5, and 6
- **Machine Pitch:** Boys 7, 8, and 9; Girls 7, 8, 9, and 10
- **Majors:** Boys 10, 11, and 12; Girls 10, 11, 12, and 13

League Age is determined by the child's age as of July 31 of the upcoming summer.

UNIFORMS/ EQUIPMENT:

The League will provide the Players, Head Coach, and up to Three (3) Assistant Coaches with uniforms for the Spring Season. Shirts and Caps will be provided for the Fall Season. Equipment will be furnished except for the player's glove and shoes. Players may wear rubber cleats or tennis shoes. NO Metal cleats allowed.

MINIMUM PLAYERS:

A minimum of six (6) players per team must be present at game time to play a game.

PLAYERS:

All Players must have a Registration/ Medical Release Form and Official Players Contract on file with the League prior to play. Additions to Team Rosters must be approved by the Division Commissioners and forwarded to the League President/ CEO for inclusion into the Official League Roster. No Player may play in different divisions concurrently unless approved by the Board of Directors. If approved, the respective division registration fees will be imposed. The Head Coach/ Assistant Coaches children may play on the same team. Brothers and/or Sisters may play on the same team.

SCOREKEEPERS:

Each team will furnish a scorekeeper. Scorekeepers should maintain a copy of the rules and should verify runs and outs made each inning. Scorekeepers must verify batting orders and fielding orders prior to each game.

FIELD PREP:

Teams scheduled for the first (early) game are responsible for field setup. Each team will be required to have two people at the field by 7:30 AM for field prep.

CLOSE UP:

Teams scheduled for the last game of the day are responsible for field close up and cleanup. They will be responsible for putting away all equipment, water coolers, and picking up any remaining trash.



DUGOUTS:

The Home Team will occupy the First Base Dugout and the Visiting Team will occupy the Third Base Dugout.

INNINGS:

No Game may exceed six (6) innings and no inning will begin one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes after the scheduled game time. Three (3) outs or five (5) runs will complete each half inning. EXCEPTION: Play Off and Championship games shall not end in a tie.

THROWN BATS:

This rule only applies while the Player is at bat: if a player throws a bat, the Umpire will issue a warning to the Player and their Head Coach. After the warning, any time it happens again during the game, the Player will be called out for the rest of the game.

OUT OF PLAY:

If an overthrow goes beyond the backstop or backstop extended, the ball will be ruled dead. Base Runners will be awarded the base they are advancing toward plus one (1) extra base. If the Runner is not advancing (standing idle on the base) they will be awarded one (1) base only. A ball cannot be caught for an out beyond the backstop or backstop extended.

UMPIRES:

The Umpire(s) are responsible for all activities on and off the field including game time. They may take any action necessary to enhance the Players understanding of the game and rules. They have the authority to call a forfeit for unsportsmanlike conduct from Players, Coaches, and Spectators. Their decisions are final and games are not subject to protest. Head Coaches ONLY may approach an Umpire with issues or concerns. Except for the Majors, each team will have one (1) Umpire that has a thorough understanding of their division rules.

RAINOUTS:

If a game is rained out, it will be declared official if four (4) innings have been completed. If the game is in the middle of an inning, the score will revert to the last completed inning. Games rained out prior to completion of four (4) innings will be rescheduled by the League Commissioner. The decision to call a game will be solely left to the Umpire(s) discretion. Total game rainouts will be rescheduled by the League Commissioner.

RESCHEDULING:

Each Team is allowed to reschedule one (1) game for make-up during the season. The Head Coach of the requesting Team must obtain approval for the opposing Team's Head Coach. If the Coaches cannot agree, then the Team wanting to reschedule either forfeits or plays, if they can meet the Minimum Player Rule. If this date is rained out, there will be no other make-up date for these games. The Teams scheduled to play that day will be awarded a tie. Reschedules are to be coordinated through the respective Division Commissioners.



PROFANITY:

Any use of Profanity will not be tolerated. Anyone heard using Profanity will be asked to leave the premises. If heard a second (2nd) time, that person will receive a two (2) week suspension. They will not be allowed to attend any games, practices, or other activities at the fields. Anytime thereafter, membership may be terminated by the Board of Directors.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

Throwing of equipment (e.g. helmets, gloves, balls, bats, etc.) by a Player, in general, on the field or dugout due to poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated. PENALTY—The Player will be ejected from the game. No warnings.

CONCESSION DUTY:

Arrive at the concession stand ten minutes before the shift begins. Each team should have a minimum of four people assigned per shift: two for the first hour and two for the second hour. NO children are allowed in the concession stand. Minimum work age is sixteen. **NOTE: If a Team fails to cover their assigned concession period or fails to provide personnel for field setup or close up, the Head Coach may not be allowed to participate as a Coach or Umpire in the next game.**

ORDER OF PRECEDENCE:

All complaints, grievances, suggestions, and proposed rule changes should be presented to the respective Division Commissioners. If they cannot satisfy the request, contact the League President/ CEO. If the League President/ CEO cannot resolve the request, the request may be presented to the full League Board of Directors at it's monthly meeting. If the request is deemed serious and requires immediate attention, the President/ CEO may call an emergency Board of Directors meeting.

NOTE: Other than these General Rules and Specific Division Rules, Pony League Rules apply to our League.



Coaches,
Please complete the information below and return to Meadows All Play Baseball.

I (please print) _____ have received the Meadows All Play Coaches Contract, Coaching Code of Conduct and Meadows All Play General Rules. I agree to abide by all rules, regulations and policies as set forth by Meadows All Play Baseball of which I am involved. I also understand if I violate and/or break any of the rules, regulations or policies I will lose the privilege of Coaching, Representing or Assisting in Meadows All Play Baseball.

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First Name	Last Name
_____	_____
Address	City
_____	_____
Zip	Email Address
_____	_____
Telephone Number	Cell Number
_____	_____
Signature	Date

