



Parent-Coach Communication



Parent–Coaching staff meetings – Cedar Park Baseball will hold a mandatory pre-season meeting for potential players and their parents during the fall semester. Topics to be addressed include the following:

1. Expectations and procedures.
2. The responsibility of coaches, parents and players.
3. Cedar Park Baseball coaching philosophy.
4. Responsibilities that come with making the team: paperwork for parents/players to fill out, baseball fall fundraising, dates of future meetings, procedures players have to follow, and game schedules for all levels.

A second meeting will be held in January at the beginning of the spring semester. The topics will mostly focus on what rules we have and why. The players will have been told by this time their “possible team placement”. *This placement is subject to change.* The key during the spring meeting is for parents to freely to ask questions. The goal of these meetings will be to clear up misconceptions that may occur during the year and create an open line of communication within our program.

Individual Parent-Coach Meetings – Although our group meetings will answer many questions and help set the tone for our season, there will be times when parents will have individual questions and concerns. Therefore it is important to know how, when, and why to communicate with a coach. In addition, it is important to understand the guidelines for obtaining information so that it is done professionally and positively rather than as a confrontation. Consider the following:

1. If appropriate, talk with your son about your concerns.
 - a. What is his perspective?
 - b. Can he solve the problem himself?
2. Set up a meeting with the coach if you still have a question. This should be an informational meeting where you can ask questions, listen and have a discussion. Emotions and language must remain professional.
3. If questions remain, request a meeting with the player, the coach, and the Athletic Coordinator, Carl Abseck..

The parents, player and coach(es) should be present for any or all of these meetings.

Guidelines for Questions

- Ask about the treatment of your child or how your son can improve.
- Ask about his work habits and attitude in practice.
 - How do you evaluate my child in terms of offense, defense and team skills?
 - What areas does he need to improve on?
 - What drills can he do?

Areas generally off limits

- Game strategies
- Other players
- Addressing playing time

Guidelines on Roles

Coaches' Role:

- Be a good communicator
- Set a good example for players and fans
- Be positive, fair and consistent
- Make playing time decisions with thought and care
- Protect the safety of the athletes
- Make sure players know the expectations, procedures and rules by having a fall evaluation and players role meeting
- Be available for players and parents

Parents' Role:

- Being a fan of everyone on the team and all Timberwolves baseball teams (JV Silver, JV Green, and Varsity)
- Respect the decisions of officials
- Respect other fans, players and coaches
- Talk to your child if they have questions. If they still have questions, contact the coach properly
- Don't poison the water with negative conversations regarding our coaches, program or other teammates
- Don't complain to coaches on game day
- Be supportive of your player and all others

Players' Role:

- Be a good communicator with your coaches and parents
- Be positive and have a good attitude
- Meet classroom expectations
- Support teammates
- Work hard all season
- If you have questions, ask your coach
- Know and follow all rules
- Challenge yourself as a person and an athlete
- Notify the coach of any scheduling conflicts with workout