

Sample Managers Letter

Dear Parents:

We are pleased to have your son as a member of our 3&2 Baseball team sponsored by _____. We offer him the attached contract and expect that this season will be a good learning experience. We feel it is important to review our objectives for the season.

Objectives for the Team - We will spend a good deal of time in teaching the fundamentals of baseball. The coaching staff consists of _____, _____, and myself. We want to develop a proper mental attitude. We are going to insist that players hustle at all times. We will bench a boy quicker for a lackadaisical or improper attitude than for poor play. We will not tolerate a defeatist attitude. We want to teach the boys good sportsmanship; to win without gloating and to lose with dignity. As long as the boys hustle and try their hardest we will be proud of them - WIN OR LOSE.

Objectives for the Parents - We would appreciate all the fan support that you can give to the boys and to the team. Please remember, however, that these boys are members of a team. Once in uniform and on the playing field they are under the supervision of the coaching staff. **PLEASE DO NOT BE CRITICAL OF YOUR SON'S PLAY OR TRY TO CORRECT IT WHILE HE IS ON THE FIELD. THIS IS THE MANAGER'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM BAITING THE UMPIRES. HELP US TO ENCOURAGE GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP BY SETTING EXAMPLES FOR THE PLAYERS. Any questioning of the umpires' decision is the responsibility of the manager and coaches.

Attendance - All players are required to attend all practices and games. It is the responsibility of the parents to provide transportation to and from the field. Absence because of vacation, camps or illness will be accepted provided the manager is advised beforehand so he can make the proper adjustments in the line-up. Practice will be held at _____. The practice sessions will begin and end on time.

Refreshments - It is traditional to supply the players with soft drinks after each game. The 3&2 Baseball Club has arranged for a reduced price on team drinks. Team drink fees are collected prior to the beginning of the season.

Team Pictures - This year Sports Photographers Plus has been selected as the official photographer for 3&2. Team pictures will be taken as scheduled by the photographer. When that date is announced, we urge you to make every effort to have your son at the designated location. Team picture fees will also be collected prior to the pictures beginning taken.

Miscellaneous - The players will be advised not to swim on the day of a game. They should not eat a meal less than two hours before game time.

Player Participation - Probably the most important question in your mind is "How much will my son get to play?" Baseball is a competitive sport. Players are taught to use their skills to win ball games. In the 1st grade machine pitch through the 6th grade divisions, rules require batting through the entire roster, limiting pitching appearances and each youngster playing at least three innings defensively. In the 7th & 8th and High School Divisions there are no minimum playing requirements, and it becomes a much more competitive game. In these age groups we will start the season playing primarily those boys who are hitting the ball well. Players earn the right to play by working hard and improving their skill levels. We will try to give each player as much playing time in each game as possible.

Our team will be seeded in a league based on last year's record and whether or not we have improved our team. We have tried to pick the finest group of boys to represent our sponsor. If you have any questions or suggestions during the year, contact any member of the coaching staff.

Sincerely,

Manager