



## San Diego Ballers Baseball Club

The following is a contract that I am requiring all parents to sign upon joining the team. Please understand that this is simply so that there are clear expectations for all — players and coaches will also have their own contracts.

The main objective here is for the entire team — players, parents and coaches — to be on the same page. We're in this together!

I support my child's commitment to become a member of the San Diego Ballers Baseball Club. My family is an extension of our baseball family, and as a result I understand I am expected to do my best to commit to team rules and regulations.

- 1. I commit to making sure my child arrives to games and practices on time.**
- 2. I will be sure that my child is properly equipped, sun-protected, hydrated and fueled for practices and games.** This includes proper uniforms, gloves, bags and meals.
- 3. I will show respect for the umpires.** They will often make the wrong call, but the job of the umpire is not an easy one. Voicing my displeasure will not improve the situation.
- 4. I will stay away from the dugout during games and allow coaches to coach.** While this is not easy, I know that providing potentially conflicting messages during a game can be confusing to my child and my presence at the dugout may contribute negatively to his ability to focus.

**5. I will be a role model for my child regarding good sportsmanship, teamwork and self worth.** These things start with the adults, and the players will behave accordingly. We will take pride in how we carry ourselves and treat others.

**6. I am responsible for the behavior of all family members at games and practices.** Others may attend games to cheer on my child, and I need to be sure that they also handle themselves according to these rules.

**7. I will provide encouragement and support for my child.** My child needs to hear my positive encouragement throughout the game.

**8. I will provide encouragement and support for all players on the team.** As a team, it's important to provide the same support for my child's teammates. We're in this together!

**9. I will respect the opposing team, coaches and fans.** They are the same as us in many ways, but they simply wear different uniforms. Appreciation for their performance and respect for their abilities will contribute to a positive game environment.

**10. I understand that winning is important to the team, but the primary objective is promoting an environment of growth and learning.** They will win. They will lose. They will make mistakes. One of the most important things will be what they learn from success and failure.

**11. I will get to know the team values and reinforce them with my child.** I will read through those expectations with my child and serve as a reminder when they aren't being met.

**12. I will support the coach's message.** While I will not agree with the coach at all times, I also understand that contradicting the coach's message is counterproductive.

**13. I will help my child embrace his role, no matter what it is.** I may not agree with where my child hits or plays in the field, but it is important that I help my child embrace and master that role for the best possible experience.

**14. I will help nurture a positive environment on and off the field.** I will do my best to keep a positive tone as I realize my reactions impact the team.

**15. I will refrain from public complaints about coaching and other players with parents.** While I will not always agree with how the team is being coached, I know that these reactions do not help.

**16. I will schedule a time with the coach to calmly and constructively discuss lineup and playing time concerns rather than during, immediately before or after a practice or game.** Instead of complaining publicly, I will be part of the solution by scheduling a private time to discuss my concerns.

**17. I will offer my help as a volunteer to leverage my skills, where possible.** The success of this team is run on the contributions of volunteers, and I want to contribute whatever I can to help.

**18. I will respect the challenges the coaches face and time commitment they make.** I know that coaching isn't easy. It's a significant contribution of time and energy, often with the side effect of stress.

**19. I will make payments for team fees as scheduled.** The team is not a bank, and several large payments are due on a scheduled basis for tournaments, uniforms, practice facilities and more.

**20. I will do everything within my control to make this a positive experience for my child, other players, families and coaches.** I will do my part to contribute to this baseball family!

I will always do my best to follow these rules. While I am not expected to be perfect and we will all have our weak moments, the main thing is that I will make a consistent effort to help nurture a positive environment for all.

However, I will not consistently neglect or ignore these rules. Depending on the severity and frequency of my infractions, I understand that my actions may impact the standing of my child on this team.

I understand these rules, and I will do my best to always represent this team and my child well.

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Parent's Signature

Player's Signature

