

Brandon Valley Baseball Association Player/Parent Agreement 2010

BVBA Player and Parent Program Information

The Brandon Valley Baseball Association (BVBA) board has been planning for the upcoming 2010 spring and summer baseball seasons. The following will hopefully provide you with some necessary background information. This information is very important for the success and administration of our program. If you require further clarification, please contact any BVBA board member or Director of Baseball, Todd Andersen.

Little League Baseball (LLB)

BVBA is happy to announce that we will be entering our second year affiliation with Little League baseball from ages 6 yrs. to 12 yrs. of age.

Parent and Player Information and Registration Meetings

High School	Sunday January 10 th	Tailgater's	5:00 pm to 5:45 pm
Legion, VFW and SEBA Rec League	Sunday January 10 th	Tailgater's	6:00 pm to 6:45 pm
Bantam (LLB)	Sunday February 21 st	Tailgater's	5:00 pm to 5:45 pm
Machine Pitch and Rookies (LLB)	Sunday February 21 st	Tailgater's	6:00 pm to 6:45 pm

Online Registration Now Available

This year we are excited to announce that you may register online and pay by credit card or by check. You may also print off a registration form and mail it with a check if you prefer.

Communication

BVBA plans to continue the use of the internet to provide you with updated information as the season approaches and progresses. **Please be sure to check the BVBA website (www.brandonvalleybaseball.com) regularly for updates.**

Chain of Command

As Director of Baseball, Todd Andersen's responsibilities include program facilitation and player/personnel issues. The BVBA Board strongly encourages that any concerns or questions you may have in regards to the programs should be directed to Todd. You may contact Todd any time of the day or evening at 582-3281.

In addition, please feel free to contact any BVBA Board member with any questions or concerns as well. The BVBA Board would ask that you please refrain from addressing these concerns at or during a ballgame in respect of their time in enjoying the game. The BVBA Board of Directors thanks you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

BVBA Registration and Fundraising Guidelines

Each player (family) is required to pay a registration fee which is due at the time of registration. This fee secures a roster position for the player. In addition to this registration fee, an additional financial commitment will be required of each player. This financial commitment varies from league to league and is based on the number of games played, coach's salary, umpires, uniforms, tournaments, travel expenses, etc. We have designed a program that we hope everyone can participate in together and raise the monies needed to fund our program. See the BVBA website for details of fundraisers and volunteer requirements.

Player Registration

Deadlines: Legion, VFW and High School (February 1st)

All other (March 1st)

Complete the player registration form online or print it off and mail it in and bring a copy of the other forms to your team meeting. They are all available to print from our website. www.brandonvalleybaseball.com

1. **Registration Form (Online)**
2. **Player/Parent Agreement (print, sign and bring to meeting)**
3. **Player's birth certificate if your are registered to play Legion or VFW**
4. **Appropriate Medical Release Form (print, sign and bring to meeting)**

Registration Fees

The BVBA board has set the following fees and additional financial responsibilities for each player for the 2010 baseball season:

League	Fee	League	Fee
High School Spring Baseball – 11 th & 12 th	\$150.00	13/14 JV Varsity VFW	\$275.00
High School Spring Baseball – 9 th & 10 th	\$125.00	13/14 Recreational (only)	\$175.00
Legion	\$350.00	Sr. and Jr. Bantam	\$ 85.00
15/16 Varsity VFW	\$325.00	Machine Pitch and Rookies	\$ 50.00

Additional Financial Responsibilities - Fundraisers – Family Volunteer Participation

To help offset costs for the baseball program, each player/family will be required to participate in fundraising. In addition High School, Legion and VFW Families will be required to work in 2 BVBA sponsored events:

High School:

1. Players Work at the Hitting Camp (Varsity and JV only)
2. Parents Work at Gate and/or Concessions stand during home games in Valley Springs. (Varsity and JV only)
3. Players participate in the Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Legion and Varsity VFW:

1. Players Sell (4) Raffle Tickets
2. Parents Work (2) events at a BVBA Sponsored fundraiser
3. Players work at the Spring Player Camp
4. Players participate in the Coffee Fundraiser

Jr. Varsity VFW:

1. Players Sell (2) Raffle Tickets
2. Parents Work (2) events at a BVBA Sponsored fundraiser

13/14 Recreational, Bantam, Machine Pitch and Coach Pitch Rookies:

1. Players Sell (1) Raffle Ticket

Families with 2 or more players in the VFW and/or Legion program will only be required to meet the fundraising goals one player – the goal shall be of the highest level of program their youth are enrolled in. For example if one family has a son in the Legion program and a son in the Varsity VFW program, that family will only be expected to meet the Legion fundraising program.

If the required events are not worked, a \$100.00 per event not worked will be assessed.

In order to accurately track the events worked, workers must take the responsibility of signing the work sheet after each event is worked. The work sheets will be administered by the chairman for the event!!

**KEEPING SCOREBOOK, ANNOUNCING AT HOME GAMES, FIELD WORK
AND DRIVING TIME TO AND FROM GAMES WILL NOT COUNT TOWARDS EVENTS WORKED**

Payment Program

The BVBA board has set the following payment policy for 2010. Regardless of how you choose to fulfill your registration financial commitment, full payment must be received by May 1, 2010, excluding Family events scheduled to work. Failure to pay fees in full will result in the player not being allowed to play until the financial commitment is paid.

Financial Hardship

If fees would prevent a player from participation or the fees create a financial strain on the family, please contact any coach or board member about our scholarship program. The situation will be evaluated by a board committee on a case by case basis.

Refund Policy

If a player decides to leave the program on his own accord, there will be no refunds after April 1st. If a player experiences a season ending injury, the refund will be based on the scheduled number of games for the teams season pro-rated to the number of games played prior to when the injury occurred.

Playing Time

Rookies, Machine Pitch, Jr. Bantam, Sr. Bantam, 13/14 Recreational:

See appropriate rules for specific playing time requirements.

Bantam Travel Teams, High School, Legion and VFW:

Playing time will be determined by the coaches. There is **NO GUARANTEE** of playing time. The philosophy of the BVBA board and coaches is that *“Playing time is earned by productive practice, hard work, dedication, and ability.”*

Code of Conduct

BVBA supports youth athletic activities that are governed by a sense of fun, fair play and sportsmanship. Each person associated with BVBA is responsible for his/her own behavior. Parents and coaches should be aware that children mimic adult behavior. Coaches or their designated representatives are responsible for their team, parents and spectators. Positive support for the team and all coaches is appreciated and expected. BVBA prides itself on the excellent conduct and sportsmanship of our players, coaches, parents and spectators.

Sportsmanship Behaviors that are expected of all our age levels are:

- 1) Supporting and pulling for your team without taunting the opposing team, coaches or parents.
- 2) Not throwing equipment after a potentially demoralizing play or official's call.
- 3) Sincere congratulatory handshake, win or lose, at the end of the game.

BVBA actively supports the game officials. They are sometimes faced with difficult decision which may be unpopular with one or both teams. Verbal abuse toward officials by players, coaches, parents or spectators could result in said individual being asked to leave the playing area (a coach may also be sent off for the poor behavior of his team's spectators). The officials will also have the authority to suspend play if a coach does not control his team or spectators. Therefore, you can see that positive encouragement is vital to the team's well being.

Players/Coaches/Parents/Spectators that are told to leave the playing area must leave immediately, out of sight of the playing area. He/She may be banned from attending games for one additional game or for a longer period of time if so determined by an inquiry of the Director of Baseball (DOB). The Head Coach is responsible for reporting any such instances to the DOB. The DOB may assess a one game suspension. Longer suspensions, or settlements of disagreements, will be decided by a majority vote in an emergency meeting of the voting members of the BVBA Board of Directors.

BVBA is voluntary program. In order to prevent adverse public reaction, dissension, and to promote general welfare for the participants, the following rules will be enforced.

Rules and Regulations

All players:

- 1) **Use of Chemical Substances / Tobacco** – Any player who uses, possesses, buys, or sells alcohol, tobacco, or controlled substance will be subject to disciplinary action if seen by the coaching staff, or if it becomes a legal issue.
- 2) **Behavior** – Any throwing of helmets, bats, and lack of respect for coaches or officials, foul language, or any other behavioral action detrimental to the program will result in immediate removal from the game. For the second violation, the player will be immediately removed from that game and **will not** be allowed to participate in the next game. A third violation, the player will be **suspended** for practices and games for **one week or a minimum of 2 games**.
- 3) **Vacations** – Family vacation must be scheduled around scheduled practices and games. All vacations must be approved by the coach in advance. Any unexcused vacations causing absences from practice or games will be treated as an unexcused absence.

High School, VFW and Legion players only:

- 1) **Skipping Practice or Games**– Any unexcused absence from practice will result in the participant not being able to participate in the next game. An absence due to personal or family illness or an emergency must be excused either before or after the absence. An absence due to any other reason must be approved by the coach. All decisions will be made by the player's coach. A note or phone call from the parents will generally be requested.
- 2) **Unprepared for Practice**- This will be treated as an unexcused absence from practice. This decision will be determined by the player's coach.
- 3) **Activity Camps** – One (1) activity camp that the player elects to participate in, which results in missed games or practices, will be allowed with no penalty being assessed. Any camp beyond one will result in the player not being able to participate in the following two games. **The participant will be required to dress and attend the games he will not be able to participate in.**
- 4) **Work** – Any absences from practice or games will be treated as an unexcused absence.

Coaches, in conjuncture with BVBA and DOB have the right to use discretion when dealing with penalties involving the rules and regulations.

**Please Read The Above, Sign And Return This Page To Your League Representative At Your Team Meeting
Note: Your Player Will Not Be Able To Practice Or Play In Any Games Until We Have This Agreement On File.**

TO THE PLAYERS & PARENTS:

Parents who agree to their child playing with BVBA, and players and coaches who agree to participate in sports for BVBA accept the Code of Conduct, Rules and Regulations as stated above and agree that all actions must lead to the successful fulfillment of the objectives. Remember that the players, coaches and officials will make mistakes, but the games are merely games which our children are playing for enjoyment and to learn their chosen sport. We can still be competitive without crossing the line of unacceptable behavior. We must not lose sight of the fact that our children will follow our example and we should act accordingly. Remember: We are all representatives of BVBA!

We and our child have read and thoroughly acquainted ourselves with the above. We understand the consequences of not following both the spirit and the letter of these rules and requirements.

Player's Name _____ Team/League _____

Player's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____