

NORTH DELTA BASEBALL ASSOCIATION



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NDBA TEAM PARENT GUIDE

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WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Thank you, we couldn't do it without you!

Thank you and welcome to everyone on this year's amazing team of "*Team Parent/Team Managers*"!!! As you know, our association relies heavily on parents like you to step up and help make each year the best it can be for our kids. Your time and efforts will help ensure the NDBA operates smoothly, while keeping our player's safety, fun and learning a top priority. The NDBA Executive is so appreciative of all our parents as this is what helps keep our fees low. Parents contributions do not go unnoticed ☺ (Especially if you miss your shift)

RESPONSIBILITIES

YOUR MAIN ROLE IS TO BE THE "ORGANIZER" OF YOUR TEAM AND "LIAISON" BETWEEN THE ASSOCIATION, COACHING STAFF AND PARENTS. GOOD COMMUNICATION BETWEEN ALL PARTIES WILL MAKE FOR A LESS STRESSFUL AND FRIENDLIER WORKING ENVIRONMENT, ULTIMATELY MAKING YOUR JOB AN EASIER ONE. TEAM SNAP IS A GOOD APP TO TRACK PLAYER AVAILABILITY, SCHEDULE GAMES, PRACTICES, ETC. TAKE THE TOTAL FEES FOR TEAM SNAP IS YOU USE IT, AND ADD TO TEAM BUDGET. THE COST PER PLAYER IS MINIMAL AND VERY WORTH IT.

UNIFORMS

Uniforms and equipment will be received by each Player. They are responsible for keeping track of them, if the uniform is not returned at the close of the season, the deposit cheque will be cashed. Your manager and you will need to decide on sock color and order them from a supplier. Full uniforms are required for picture day.

BUDGET

Your budget may include socks, embroidery, wind up party, etc. There is a budget limit of \$75 for all baseball team members. Please make all cheques payable to your name (Team Parent). Return all unused team funds to players' families.

DESCRIPTION	COST	
Social Prize	\$ 4.00	Each team is responsible for contributing 1 cool prize.
Socks	\$ 8.00	
Trophy	\$ 13.00	
Equipment	\$ 10.00	
Coaches Gifts	\$ 5.00	
Wind-up Party	\$ 8.00	
Hat Embroidery	\$ 10.00	
Team Snap	\$ 3.00	
TOTAL	\$ 61.00	

*For IHU *Mosquito* teams only, we need you to include an additional \$3 per player into your team budgets. This will be for the Volunteers Appreciation night (Mosquito Division helps to sponsor this event). Please give the additional monies to your Division Rep Kristina Winter, in an enclosed envelope marked "Coaches Appreciation, **your team**".

CONCESSION & FIELD PREP SCHEDULE

9U Tadpole, 11U Mosquito and 13U Pee-Wee parents operate concessions.

Usually 13U Pee Wee is at Sunbury, 11U Mosquito is at Annieville, and 9U Tadpole is at Gunderson. Each division may play at Annieville or Gunderson. The home team is responsible for the concession duties and key pick up/drop off. Each concession will have a booklet of responsibilities for that concession, each family is responsible to follow the concession rules. The team parent will also have a digital copy of the booklet. The team *Concession and Key Pick up/Drop off* will be assigned on your division Schedule, and the Team Parent will create/manage a schedule for each team family to be responsible for the duties. Nancy Baily is concession manager for Sunbury and Annieville. Harmony Sutton is concession manager for Gunderson. Please feel free to contact either manager for further information. See the NDBA website for contact information.

The Annieville concession has a key that can be tricky (and funny since it's already happened to me/you/all of us/lol). Once you open the door, look at your left knee. You will see a little circular lock that needs to be unlocked with the little key or the alarm will sound (ha ha). Concession revenue is used to offset the cost of equipment, uniforms, and umpires. Umpires are not paid directly from the concessions.

A duty schedule for both concession and field prep duties should be created. During the week it is recommended that you assign two people to run the concession, and three on the weekends. This allows ample staff, also gives you a bit more freedom when it isn't busy to watch a bit of the game. Parents who are assigned Concession duties can familiarize themselves with the tasks by using the detailed instructions located at each concession. Please arrange to have concession opened 30 minutes before and after the game.

****No one under 16 may be in the concession as per our Health and Safety Permit.***

Assign duties as early as possible, using some kind of rotating system. Every family should be included except the coaches. Some coaches' families are able to accommodate so you can ask but there is no obligation to them, we won't cash their cheque ☺ Field prep is assigned for home games only. Two parents are needed. See Attached for Field Prep Instructions.

Once these schedules are completed, you need to distribute them to parents, electronically and/or by hard copy. **If parents need to switch shifts during the season to accommodate their own schedules, they are responsible to make their own change.** Be sure to communicate that in the beginning.

Playoffs and tournaments will also require scheduling of parent duties. All home tournaments will require our teams to help host. Hosting includes being responsible for field prep, form will be included in the binder so that we can better track team prize donations. scorekeeping, concession, and doing it all with class ☺

RAFFLE TICKETS

Included in everyone's registration fee is book of raffle tickets. There are 30 tickets in total and it is up to each family if they would like to resell these for \$1 each, or if they want to use them themselves, or both. Drop boxes will be at each concession and collected by the concession managers when on site.

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS - April 2nd

Picture days for all divisions is April 2nd, 2016, It is vital that all teams show up at least 20 minutes before their actual assigned photo time. The players are required to wear their full uniform including hats and cleats. Time slots have been provided. Each player receives a Memory Mate team and individual photo regardless if they order individual photos or not, so please be sure they bring a completed Photo form.

OPENING & CLOSING DAY CEREMONIES - April 3rd & June 19th

We encourage all players, coaches and managers to attend and participate in the celebration of opening of the 2016 baseball season! Our association has grown and we are one to be proud of so please join us in these celebrations!

The Opening Day Ceremony will take place at Bob Bunnett Field (Annieville) on April 3rd, 2016 at 9 am for Pancake Breakfast, cooked by the Lions Club. The Closing Day Ceremony will take place on the same field, June 19th 2016 at 12pm (noon). The winners of the 50/50 raffle are drawn this day!

NDBA & The Vancouver Canadians – June 26th

Our dollar has tanked and we have an amazing local team to support so we have 150 tickets secured for NDBA members. This is an A&W day and the kids can run the bases following the game. More info to come.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION NIGHT – 6pm May 27th @ 120 Public House

This night is to thank all the Coaching staff, Team Parents, and the NDBA Executive, who have unselfishly given their time, and shared their knowledge and experience, all with the same desire to benefit our children and their community, in the world of baseball.

NDBA SOCIAL NIGHT – June 4th

Let's bring it home with the NDBA Pub Night! Once again hosted @ One20 Public House with the familiar and loved music of Motorboat! From *Rebel Yell* to *I Did It For Love*, this night is becoming a known winner! Doors at 8pm and the band goes on at 9.

\$20 includes the band, a drink, door prizes and so much more! Becoming a LEGENDARY night!

We make every effort to keep our fees low but as our main fundraiser, we must rely on our members to please do their part. A beautiful prize table is so much more appealing! Prizes can be dropped off at any concession and have the concession record it in the spreadsheet in binder.

Tickets Available online: www.ndbaseball.com/pub-night

Each Team Parent is responsible for organizing a prize for the event at minimum value of \$40. Perhaps something on sale for \$40? Please deliver the prize on behalf of your team to either the Gunderson, Annieville or Sunbury concession by May 20th.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 19 – 22 Spring Tournaments

June 8th, 2016 AGM

<http://www.ndbaseball.com/important-dates/>

SUPPLIERS

The following Suppliers may be helpful when purchasing supplies for your team.

Winners Circle (trophies & medals)	604-584-0544
Prostock Athletic Supply Ltd.	604-291-8676
Delta Engravers/Beyond Mars	604-581-7222
MVP-Athletic Supplies Ltd.	604-513-8817
Dockstader Sports Ltd.	604-596-5511
Mad Dog's Source for Sports	604-534-6164
Embroider-Karen Nyland	604-590-5884
Sew Kool	604-501-9330

PARENT RESPONSIBILITIES

We appreciate the parents setting a positive example for the players. This means lots of encouragement and cheering. Parents of younger players must remain with their children or have a responsible adult present at all times.

We encourage you to practice at home with your child. If we can be of any assistance in this regard, please let us know. We encourage questions from parents on the proper techniques so if you don't know or need clarification, please ask. ☺

Parents are expected to bring the players to games and practices on time. If your child is unable to attend, please give as much notice to the coach as possible as they put in many hours determining line ups and plays, based on availability.

We obviously have our parent duties as assigned by Team Parents/Managers but let's remember to help each other out, stay positive, and set good examples for our children and visiting teams. ND has a great group of parents and we can work like a dream team when we want to!

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Parents Code of Conduct

The essential elements of character-building and ethics in sports are embodied in the concept of Sportsmanship and six core principles: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship. The highest potential of sports is achieved when competition reflects these "six pillars of character."

As a parent or guardian:

1. I will not force my child to participate in sports.
2. I will remember that children participate to have fun and that the game is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the rules of the game and the policies of the NDBA.
5. I (and my guests) will be a positive role model for my child and encourage sportsmanship by showing respect and courtesy, and by demonstrating positive support for all players, coaches, officials and spectators at every game, practice or other sporting event.
6. I (and my guests) will not engage in any kind of unsportsmanlike conduct with any official, coach, player, or parent such as booing and taunting; refusing to shake hands; or using profane language or gestures.
7. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the athletes.
8. I will teach my child to play by the rules and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
9. I will demand that my child treat other players, coaches, officials and spectators with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
10. I will teach my child that doing one's best is more important than winning, so that my child will never feel defeated by the outcome of a game or his/her performance.
11. I will praise my child for competing fairly and trying hard, and make my child feel like a winner every time.
12. I will never ridicule or yell at my child or other participant for making a mistake or losing a game.
13. I will emphasize skill development and practices and how they benefit my child over winning. I will also de-emphasize games and competition in the lower age groups.
14. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the athletes ahead of any personal desire I may have for my child to win.

15. I will respect the umpires and their authority during games and will never question, discuss, or confront coaches at the field, and will take time to speak with coaches at an agreed upon time and place.

16. I will demand a sports environment for my child that is free from tobacco, and alcohol and I will refrain from their use at all sports events.

17. I will refrain from coaching my child or other players during games and practices, unless I am one of the official coaches of the team.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by umpires, head coach, and/or president of NDBA
- Written warning
- Parental game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by NDBA.
- Parental season suspension

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Players Code of Conduct

The actions of players are a reflection of themselves, their team, the North Delta Baseball Association and their community. A player's involvement in baseball provides opportunities and experiences that are important to the development of a well-rounded individual; however, players must remember that their participation in baseball and functions of the North Delta Baseball Association is a privilege, not a right.

As a player I will:

1. Treat everyone with respect
 - Treat team-mates, coaches, opponents, event organizers and spectators with respect
 - Respect and accept with dignity the decisions of officials and the North Delta Baseball Association
 - Be generous in winning and graceful in losing
2. Exercise self-control at all times
 - Refrain from unsportsmanlike gestures, talk, language, or profanity. Taunting or teasing players on the opposing is not acceptable.
 - Refrain from throwing equipment in disgust (bat, helmet, glove, or any object)
 - Remember that there is no place in baseball for drugs, performance enhancing drugs or supplements, alcohol or tobacco products
 - Refrain from the use of physical force outside of the rules of the game
 - Follow the guidelines set forth by your coach for your team and program
3. Play fair
 - Play within the rules and the spirit of the rules of the game at all times
 - Play within the rules and the spirit of the rules of the North Delta Baseball Association at all times.
4. Do my personal best
 - Remember that winning isn't everything, that having fun, improving skills, making friends and doing my best are just as important.
 - Enjoy my sports experience and will alert parents or coaches if it stops being fun.

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

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- Written warning
- Player game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by NDBA.
- Player season suspension

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BASEBALL OATH

**I TRUST IN GOD, I LOVE MY COUNTRY AND RESPECT ITS LAWS. I PLEDGE TO
PLAY FAIR AND STRIVE TO WIN, BUT WIN OR LOSE I WILL ALWAYS DO MY BEST.**

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Coaches Code of Conduct

Being a coach can have a very profound effect on the social, emotional, and physical development of an athlete of any age. Each player's experience on the baseball field, whether positive or negative may last their entire lifetime. The North Delta Baseball Association strives to assure that the coach/athlete relationship and learning environment is always a positive experience so that each player's unique development can be maximized. Above all, an NDBA coach must exhibit the highest ethical and moral qualities while being a strong role model for each of the players he coaches.

As a Coach I will:

1. Treat each player with the highest level of respect and dignity.
2. Exhibit sportsmanship at all times and require that his/her players do the same. Never engage in or allow his/her players to use profanity, trash talk, be verbally abusive, taunt or behave in ways that demean players or coaches on either team.
3. Learn to control his/her competitiveness. Keep his/her ego out of coaching. Emotional negative outbursts such as anger and frustration are unacceptable. Make the experience for the players interesting, enriching and fun.
4. Not challenge judgment calls by the umpire. It is acceptable to challenge the interpretation of a rule, but only in a courteous non-confrontational manner. Shouting or gesticulating reactions to umpires' calls are unacceptable. Remember the younger umpires are in a learning phase and should be treated with dignity and encouragement. Concerns should be forwarded to the Umpire-in-Chief.
5. Always be in control of his/her players. Any player who is not in the infield/outfield, at bat, on deck or a substitute must be sitting on the bench inside their respective dugout. Note: There may be occasion where a coach may want to bench a player for disciplinary reasons. Although NDBA does not condone this action routinely, should it be the case, a coach in doing so must notify the other coach, the umpire, the parents/guardians (as soon as possible), and the league coordinator.
6. Exemplify honesty, integrity, and fair play no matter what the impact might have on the outcome of the game.
7. Remember, "Baseball is only a game". A good coach is one that can honestly say after the game that both he/she and his/her players, win or lose, had fun out there today!!!

I also agree that if I fail to abide by the aforementioned rules and guidelines, I will be subject to disciplinary action that could include, but is not limited to the following:

- Verbal warning by umpires, coach director, and/or president of NDBA
- Written warning
- Coach game suspension with written documentation of incident kept on file by NDBA.
- Coach season suspension

Name of Coach

Signature

Date