

Parks and Recreation Department

YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE

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Dear Parents:

Welcome to the Post Falls Parks & Recreation Youth Baseball League! We are glad to have you join us for a fun-filled season. You are vital to making the season a success for your child. To help the coaches, players, and staff please follow these "guaranteed to have a great season" tips:

- BE A POSITIVE ROLE MODEL FOR GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP!
- Encourage your child at games and practices.
- Point out at least one positive skill your child displayed during practices or games.
- Encourage the officials...they are learning too!
- Keep the focus on <u>FUN</u>, not winning! If your child is not having fun, he/she will not want to continue playing this sport.
- Be at the field at least 10 minutes before game time.
- Help your child to remember his/her team shirt, glove, cleats and other equipment.
- Attend your child's games...they excel when they have someone to cheer them on!

Having your child involved in team sports requires a team effort. You have many opportunities to assist the coach(es) and to make a positive impact on your child's team by volunteering to do one or more of the following:

- Assist with practices.
- Organize game day snacks.
- Offer to help with carpooling.
- Coordinate the end-of-season party.
- Arrange end of season awards.
- Parents will be utilized as scorekeeper/statistician.
- Devise a team phone tree for cancellations, reminders, etc.

Please also remember the Parent's Code of Conduct. All parents are expected to abide by this code. A copy is on the back of this letter. Parents will be asked to leave the game or be dismissed from attending future games if they do not behave in an appropriate manner.

Weather Policy: Weather it is a rain out, lightning, or hazardous air quality, we will do our best to make up those cancelled games however it is not guaranteed. You will hear from us via email by 3PM of game days if there will be a weather cancellation.

Our top priority is that your child has a positive experience and a FUN season. If at any time during the season you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call the Recreation Office at 208-773-0539. Thank you for your participation and have a GREAT SEASON!

Important Dates: Practices start the Week of July 8th.

Picture Day: Friday, July 12th

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POST FALLS PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT PARENT & COACHES CODE OF CONDUCT

I vow to provide positive support, care, and encouragement for my child participating in youth sports by following this Parent's & Coaches Code of Conduct.

- I will display good sportsmanship by showing positive support for all players, coaches, and officials at every game, practice, or any other youth sports activities.
- I will put the emotional and physical welfare of my child above my own urge to win.
- I will insist that my child and all participants play in a safe, healthful environment.
- I will continually support coaches and officials working with my child, so a positive, fun experience is had by all.
- I will demand a drug, alcohol, and tobacco-free environment for my child and will not use any of these substances at any youth sports events.
- I will remember that the game is for youth not for adults.
- I will do my best to make youth sports a fun experience for my child.
- I will prompt my child to treat other players, coaches, fans, and officials with esteem regardless of race, sex, creed, or ability.
- I will do whatever I can to help my child enjoy youth sports including but not limited to assisting the coach, acting as a respectful fan, carpooling, planning the end-of-the-season party, etc.
- I will require that my child's coach be trained in the responsibilities of being a youth sports coach and that the coach follows the Coaches' Code of Conduct.
- I will uphold all the guidelines set forth by the Post Falls Parks and Recreation Department and do what I can to assist all community youth sports organizations execute and enforce them.
- Coaches are responsible of having parents read and sign the back of this form.

Not upholding to the code of conduct standard could result in suspension or expulsion from Post Falls Parks and Recreation activities.

DON'T BE THAT PARENT!