

Southeast Angels Baseball Association



Letter of Commitment

Player Name: _____ (please print)

2022-2023 Travel Division (circle one): 11U, 12U, 13U, 14U, 15U, 16U

Team: Southeast Angels

Affiliate Name: _____

I hereby agree to commit to the guidelines, rules, and regulations stated below:

1. Playing Time

- a. AA/AAA/Majors Travel Baseball is a play to win strategy and equal playing time is not guaranteed. This is not a “pay to play” program.
- b. Coaches have the right to limit a player’s playing time due to lack of effort, bad attitude and/or commitment to the Team or due to unsportsmanlike conduct.
- c. Southeast Angels Baseball Association will consistently evaluate player statistics and player development when it comes to determining playing time.
- d. Southeast Angels Baseball Association follows the below tournament play philosophy:
 - i. Pool Game line ups and game plans are designed to get as many players contributing as possible with inning rotations, at bats, field time, base running and pitching (as applicable). Pool games, in most cases, are played on Friday and/or Saturday and are used to rank (seed) teams for Championship Bracket play.
 - ii. Championship Bracket line ups and game plans are designed to give our Team the best opportunity to win the tournament. Coaches will determine the best lineup and game plan, which may result in limited playing time for some players. Championship Bracket games, in most cases, are played on Sunday.
 - iii. It is important for Parents and Players to acknowledge that we win and lose as a Team. Every player’s contribution, big and small, is of the utmost importance to the Team.

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2. Attendance

- a. Southeast Angels Baseball Association is a competitive team actively requiring participation of its players for practices, games, and tournaments. Missing scheduled team events not only hurts the development of the player, but the entire team. If a player misses practices, games or tournaments for unexcused reasons, it can limit playing time.
- b. Family is FIRST. Southeast Angels Baseball Association understands a player may have to miss practice or games due to family functions such as weddings, reunions, graduations, vacations, funerals, and other events. When this occurs, it is essential that the player and/or player's parents or legal guardian provides advanced notice to the Coach.
- c. Southeast Angels Baseball Association understands, encourages, and supports that players may be involved in other sports (e.g.: football, track, lacrosse, etc.) or activities (e.g.: band, theater, scouts, etc.) that may create conflicts with practices, games, tournaments, or other team activities. In the event this occurs, it is essential that the player and/or player's parents or legal guardian provides advanced notice to the Coach.

3. Coaches

- a. Coaches are selected by the Southeast Angels Baseball Association Board. Coaches shall manage as they see fit, subject to oversight by the Southeast Angels Baseball Association Board.
- b. Coaches are to follow the guidelines created by the Southeast Angels Baseball Association Board. Failure to follow these guidelines could result in the coach being removed from his/her duties and replaced by an assistant and/or interim coach chosen by the Southeast Angels Baseball Association Board.

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4. Behavior Policy

- a. The goal of this policy is to not only promote sportsmanship, but also encourage positive and effective communication between the Southeast Angels Baseball Association Board, Coaches, Players, Umpires, Parents, and Spectators.
- b. Any Board Member, Coach, Player, Parent, or Spectator that demonstrates behavior that is detrimental to this program may be removed from the Southeast Angels Baseball Association Program.
 - i. Detrimental behavior is defined as physical and/or verbal abuse towards any Participant, Board Member, Coach, Player, or Umpire at any time.
 - ii. Violators of this policy will be ejected from the event (game/practice/scrimmage, etc.) and may be subject to expulsion from the program (non-refundable).
- c. If the violator is a Board Member, Coach, or Player then the Southeast Angels Baseball Association Board will meet to discuss the violator's possible disciplinary action.
- d. If the violator is a Parent or Spectator, and if the violator has been ejected from the event, they can possibly be expelled from the program and all future events at the sole discretion of the Southeast Angels Baseball Association Board. They are not entitled to a hearing before the Board or an appeal of the Board's decision.

5. Tournament/Game Expectations, Uniforms and Equipment

- a. Southeast Angels Baseball Association will be playing in a variety of tournaments and at different playing levels.
- b. A 2023 destination tournament will be determined at a later date and is based off of the team's level of play during the regular season.
- c. Most tournaments are 2-day, 3-game minimum events. We intend to play in approximately 12 tournaments per team, weather and schedule permitting.
- d. Players will be provided with three (3) uniforms to include hats and jerseys
- e. Players will be provided with one (1) Angels hoodie.
- f. Parents or legal guardians are responsible for all other personal equipment including belts, pants (pants can be knickers or full length and should be solid white), socks, metal cleats, turf shoes, gloves, bat(s), etc. If a player damages or loses a uniform article, the parent or legal guardian will be responsible for replacement of the article at the parent's or legal guardian's personal expense.
- g. We do play in "Wood Bat Only" tournaments so players should have at least 1 properly sized wood bat as well as 1 properly sized metal bat. Please check with Coaches on bat requirements by age group prior to making purchases.

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- h. It is understood that wood bats are subject to breaking and Southeast Angels Baseball Association is not responsible for replacement of any bat broken whether it be at practice, pre-game warmup or during games. Southeast Angels Baseball Association is not responsible for any equipment, whether that be bat, glove, batting gloves, etc. loaned to any other player for use.
6. Fees
- a. 2023 player fees are \$3,000.00.
 - b. A \$1,000 deposit is due upon signing of this commitment letter.
 - c. The remaining balance of \$1,650.00 will be due in the following payment schedule:
 - i. \$500.00 due February 1, 2023
 - ii. \$500.00 due March 1, 2023
 - iii. \$500.00 due April 1, 2023
 - iv. \$500.00 due May 1, 2023
 - d. Payment options
 - i. Payment can be made in full (preferred).
 - ii. Check: made out to: **Southeast Angels Baseball**
 - iii. **Electronic transfers (Venmo, PayPal, etc.). Ask a Coach.**
 - iv. **There are other payment options available. Please ask your Coach.**
 - e. Parents or legal guardians understand that there may be additional costs involved with travel baseball. Those costs may include but are not limited to: destination tournament fees, gate fees, and cost of travel (fuel, airlines, hotels, food, etc.).
 - f. Should a player leave the team, of their own accord, at any time after completion of this form, they will forfeit any and all fees already paid. If a player is asked to leave the team due to policy/player violations, then the remaining balance is considered due and payable in full at the time of departure.

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7. Release of Liability for Minor Participants

In consideration of my child being allowed to participate in any way in the Southeast Angels Baseball Association related events and activities, the undersigned acknowledges, appreciates, and agrees that:

The risks of injury and illness to my child from the activities involved in these programs are significant, including the potential for permanent disability and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce these risks, the risks of serious injury and illness do exist, and,

- a. For Myself, Spouse, and Child, I knowingly and freely assume as such risks, both known and unknown, even if arising from negligence of the releases or others, and assume full responsibility for my child's participation; and,
- b. I willingly agree to comply with the program's stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any unusual significant concern in my child's readiness for participation and/or in the program itself, I will remove my child from the participation and bring such attention to the Coach immediately; and,
- c. I, myself, my spouse, my child, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, **HERBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS** Southeast Angels Baseball Association; it's Board, Coaches, Officials, Agents, Employees, Volunteers, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), **WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, ILLNESS, DISABILITY, DEATH**, or loss or damage to person or property incident to my child's involvement or participation in these programs, **WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE**, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- d. I, for myself, my spouse, my child, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, **HERBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS** all the above Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my involvement or participation in these programs, **EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE**, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
- e. I, the parent/guardian, assert that I have explained to my child: the risks of the activity, his/her responsibilities for adhering to the rules and regulations, and that my child understands this agreement.

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8. Player Responsibilities and Commitment to Southeast Angels Baseball Association:
 - a. As a player for Southeast Angels Baseball Association, I will:
 - i. Always put forth my best effort
 - ii. Support my fellow players on and off the field
 - iii. Conduct myself in a manner befitting Baseball, My Faith, My Team, My Family and My Community.
 - iv. Be respectful to my parents, fellow players, coaches, umpires, and competitors.
 - b. I understand that violation of any of the above rules could result in disciplinary action including reduced playing time or removal from the Team.

Player Signature: _____

I, FOR MYSELF, MY SPOUSE, AND CHILD, HAVE READ THIS LETTER OF COMMITMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

Name of Parent/Guardian (print): _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Date signed: _____