



Objectives:

1. Improve the baseball/softball skills of each of the players through practice and game situations.
2. Provide a competitive schedule of games and tournaments to compete at a high level.
3. Provide an environment similar to what will be expected at the high school/college levels.

Parent Expectations:

1. Respect coaches, umpires, players, parents, opponents, & Prospect Tools organization at all times.
2. Demonstrate good sportsmanship.
3. Be involved and volunteer in fundraising activities.
4. Refrain from giving the players instructions during the games and practices - allow the coaches to manage the team and games.
5. Refrain from dugout visits.
6. Ensure that your child attends practices and games on time.
7. Help your child work at home toward skill improvement and good sportsmanship.
8. Refrain from ridiculing or yelling at your child or any other child on the team for making a mistake during practices or games, and/or for losing a game.
9. Set a good example. Children learn best by example.
10. Refrain from publicly questioning an umpire's judgment. Accept the umpire's decision as final and respect the fact that they make mistakes.
11. Recognize the value and importance of coaches. Give them their due respect.
12. If you have a problem/conflict with the Manager or Coaches, do not approach them during or after a game. Email management to discuss the matter or set a meeting with Management and Coach to discuss the matter.
13. Please refrain from smoking during any Prospect Tools Academy activities and follow any park rules and guidelines pertaining to smoking and/or consuming alcohol.
14. Accept the coaches' decision regarding playing positions and the amount of playing time. This is a Travel Program and there are no guarantees for equal playing time or position.
15. Understand that the Prospect Tools Baseball/Softball Academy reserves the right to release any player from the team for poor sportsmanship by the player and/or the player's family during games or for other reasons including, but are not limited to, lack of cooperation, poor attitude, lack of commitment, effort or attendance.

Parent Expectations Cont'd:

16. Understand that the coach may impose additional rules, guidelines and/or policies that all players and parents are required to follow and failure to comply with the rules, guidelines, and/or policies is a violation.
17. Understand and acknowledge that the player fees are non-refundable. If a child is dismissed or voluntarily leaves Prospect Tools Academy, the parents are not entitled to a refund and all paid money is forfeited.
18. Make financial commitments or communicate arrangements, regardless of attendance to Prospect Tools activities. Each financial commitment per roster spot affects every other player.
19. Attend meetings as required.

Playing Time and Positions played:

There is no minimum playing time mandated on Prospect Tools Academy teams. The intent of the Prospect Tools Baseball/Softball Academy is to develop each player at the highest level and to have every player participate in each game. Circumstances may dictate that a player will not play in a particular game. Playing time will not be equal and is not guaranteed. The coach makes ALL playing time, positions played, and batting order decisions. Coaches will not be expected to discuss playing time decisions with parents. There will be no parental input in playing time.

Attendance Expectations:

Attendance is mandatory! Players are expected to be on time and ready to participate in practices and games. Teams will not achieve their goals and maintain a winning attitude if players are missing and/or arriving late for games and/or practices. If a player will miss a practice or a game, for any reason, the manager must know about it as soon as possible. Players are not allowed to participate in any activities with an organization other than Prospect Tools once the parent confirms the family's commitment to Prospect Tools. With the exception of school related baseball/softball, players are discouraged from being involved with other sports during the Spring/Summer travel baseball season. However, if a player is involved with another sport during the Fall/Winter seasons, the parent/guardian is expected to communicate the days of the week that their child will miss any Prospect Tools activities. If a player misses a Spring/Summer game or practice to take part in another sporting event or with a different baseball/softball organization, they should expect it to have a negative impact on their playing time when they return to their team. Penalties for unexcused absences should be expected, depending on the circumstances, and it will be solely the coach's discretion to determine what the penalty may be, if any.