



“LES is More”

Dear Parents and Players,

Lake Erie Scouts Baseball Club welcomes you to the LES Family! The purpose of this document is to outline the commitments, obligations, and expectations of all players and parents participating in our program. Should you decide to join with us, we ask sign below where indicated and return to LES.

Our mission is to develop young boys into mature, responsible young men by teaching them skills through baseball. Our focus will be on the players and their development in all areas. Our coaches, will teach and demonstrate our Core Values in everything we do. We will create a family culture and environment that team goals and successes supersede individual desires. Our hope is lifelong friendships are created by players and parents. For this to happen, a certain level of commitment and participation is required by the outline below:

❖ Attendance

COMMUNICATION is the key component to this section. Coaches will strive to communicate in advance and when information is available, regarding meetings, practices, and game information. Parents are expected to coordinate with the LES coaches in advance with scheduling conflicts. All players are encouraged to play in a Little League system where they reside. Little League regular season (and All-Stars) games and practices are to be given priority over LES functions. We will do our best in providing a schedule in advance of possible tournaments and dates. Families must communicate conflicts with summer vacations and other family conflicts well in advance. Be aware pick-up games, scrimmages, practices, and tournaments can be scheduled on short notice. We hope that every effort is made to attend those events but we will understand existing commitments may take priority. But if a player misses an excessive amount of practices and games, appropriate consequences may apply, even dismissal from program.

❖ Roster Selection

Players will be selected for specific rosters based on the coaching staff 's opinions of overall ability, age appropriateness, and players availability. Your player will play on numerous different rosters this year. The reason for this is to allow your player to develop his skills at multiple different positions. For example, your player may be an infielder on one roster, but an outfielder on a different roster. Rosters will be created closer to the start of the season after the coaching staff has had time to work with players and for players to grow through coaching.

❖ Playing Time

In Travel Baseball, playing time is not guaranteed and is subject to coach's discretion, however, every player will play in the tournament they have been selected to play in. The level in which a player plays in a specific game is dependent on a number of factors like skill, effort, attitude, needs, and situation. Playing time will never be discussed between parents and coaches right before, during and immediately following games when emotions are high. Playing times can be discussed on non-playing days by phone, email or face to face meetings. We all must remember, these are kids, coaches and umpires are volunteers, and no one is scouting your player to play college baseball.

❖ Travel

Tournament schedule will be presented and agreed upon prior to the start of the tournament season (hopefully by March) by all parties. Tournament selections for each roster will be based on creating an experience based on the mission of that specific roster. Each player is expected to play in at least 5 tournaments, but could potentially play in many more if desired.



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❖ Conduct/Sportsmanship

We expect that all players, coaches and parents will conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner at all times, on and off the field. All of us represent Lake Erie Scouts and our program no matter where we might be. All it takes is one decision to ruin our reputation as an organization. We will be supportive and respect the rules and guidelines created by the tournaments we play in. We will show respect and reverence for umpires, opposing teams, opposing coaches, players and facilities at all times. Any behavior or decisions that create issues for the program may have consequences like dismissal from the program. We all must remember, these are kids, coaches and umpires are volunteers, and no one is scouting your player to play college baseball.

❖ Fees

Each family is responsible to play the minimum fee to meet program expenses. This fee is expected to be around \$400 - \$500 per player. This fee pays for registration costs for tournaments, administration costs like insurance and uniform costs. Our desire is to keep this cost as low as possible, but if the desire for your family is to play in more tournaments, an additional fee may be required. Sponsorship opportunities can help defray your registrations fee. A sponsorship form will be given to you explaining the details of sponsorship opportunities. Fundraising events are also offered to raise funds for the team and will not be used for this fee. Fundraising will be discussed in a later section. If a player or family is removed from the team, or a player quits, registration fees are not refundable. If a player gets injured, the fee may be refunded on a pro-rata basis. All registration fees must be paid prior to the start of the season.

❖ Expenses

A conscious effort will be made to keep traveling expenses reasonable and affordable. However, tournaments outside of our immediate area, parents are responsible for any related travel expenses including transportation, spectator admission and parking fees, meals, and lodging.

❖ Fundraising

Fundraising will be an integral part of our team to help with the additional cost of running a program. Fundraisers will be used to benefit our program as a whole. Things like baseballs, hitting sticks, catchers gear, jackets, room cost reductions, are all examples of what fundraising money could be used for. Each family is expected to participate in all team fundraisers.

We have read, understand and agree to play and abide by the outline presented above:

Player name: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Signature _____ Date _____

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