

# Stoney Creek Cougar Baseball

## Team Rules

The Stoney Creek Cougar Baseball program has rules that need to be followed at all times. All school rules and the Athletic Code of Conduct will be followed. Anything not covered in the school rules or the Athletic code is covered here and some are restated for emphasis. Each player has a responsibility to his team, school, parents, coach, and **himself**. The player must remember at all times whom he is representing not only on the field but off the field as well. Player baseball here at Stoney Creek is a privilege and an honor. It is not a right.

Each player shall be good a scholar. If a player does not wish to give his best effort in the classroom, then he should not be on the team. Keeping up with the classroom work is tremendously important. No player will be allowed to participate in a game or practice if his grades shall fall below an acceptable level. A player's grade must reflect his best effort and achievement. All players must pass at least **five** (5) classes the semester before the baseball season. During the season, the same rule applies; **five** (5) classes must have a passing grade. Grade checks can and will happen at anytime during the season. Usually they will be checked every couple of weeks.

Every player must become an exemplary citizen. If a player chooses to put himself in a position where he may be hurting his reputation or the team's reputation, then he will no longer be a part of the team. This includes getting in trouble with law, school, or at home. Punishment is dealt out as what is deemed necessary by the coach; it is the coach's discretion. Depending on the circumstance, a meeting with the player, parent, and coach may be necessary.

Making a commitment to the Cougars is a big responsibility. Part of the responsibility is being prompt to practice. As the coach, I expect the players to be dressed and ready to play by the allotted time. This means that each player should expect to arrive at practice at least 10-15 minutes before the starting time. Any player who is late will receive appropriate punishment.

Practice must be attended by everyone. If a player needs to miss practice for any reason, then he needs to tell the coach with a phone call or better yet in person. If a player has **two** (2) *unexcused* absences from practice or a game they will serve a **six** (6) game suspension from which they cannot play. **Three** (3) unexcused absences will result in immediate dismissal from the team. If a player must miss practice for any reason, excused or unexcused, their status on the team will be in jeopardy and a minimum suspension of one game for every practice missed. The baseball coaches here at Stoney Creek have a responsibility to prepare each and every player for playing in games. If a practice is missed, then proper preparation cannot be achieved and that player's status will suffer.

The biggest problem on any team occurs when players put themselves before the team. If a coach witnesses this, whether on the field or off, that player will suffer consequences decided on by that coach. This includes working hard during practice and giving all he has during a game.

No playing time will be promised and a player will not ask or assume that playing time will be given to you. Each player has a specific role. This role will be defined by their coach and the player will be expected to perform his role to the best of his ability. If at anytime a player is dissatisfied with his role, please communicate this with the coaches. In addition, the coaching staff will approach a player if we observe any hostility or if we feel that the team chemistry is being disrupted because of a player not accepting his role on the team.

By signing this, you and your parents are agreeing to the terms of this contract and will abide to the best of your ability.

**Please return just this sheet.**

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**Player Signature**

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**Date**

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**Parent Signature**

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**Date**