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BMB PARENT / PLAYER AGREEMENT

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT CAREFULLY AND THOROUGHLY. A FAILURE TO READ OR INGNORANCE OF THE RULES AND PROCEDURES AS LISTED IN THIS DOCUMENT OR IN THE CURRENT BMB LEAGUE RULES WILL NOT BE A VALID EXCUSE FOR ANY VIOLATION!

When a Player chooses to participate with a Baltimore - Metro Baseball (hereafter referred to as BMB) Team the Player and their Parents (includes Legal Guardians) agrees to the following:

1. **TEAM FEES and FINANCES** -- The BMB team for which your child signed a BMB Player Contract with may or may not charge a team fee as part of their terms for being a member of their team. It is important to understand that each team is an independent member of BMB; as a result, BMB has no authority, control or involvement with regard to any BMB team's financial matters. In most cases, any fees paid to the team are non-refundable. Should a dispute arises because of this it **MUST** be settled with the team as BMB will not get involved in this matter or offer any assistance in any actions taken. Because of this, all players and parents should have a clear understanding of what the team's policies are regarding team fees and other finances. If the team does not issue receipts as part of their normal course of business, it would be wise for the parent to demand a receipt for any monetary fees paid to the team and request that it include a description of what the fee covers. For the receipt to be valid, it must be signed by the team manager and written on team stationary (if available) or the BMB Receipt Form. Doing this will eliminate any disputes that may arise. It is important to understand that failure to comply with this obligation will prevent the player from obtaining a release to play for another BMB team now or in the future.
2. **TEAM UNIFORMS and EQUIPMENT** -- The team may issue uniforms to the player (which means all team apparel) and/or equipment that are expected to be returned at the end of the season or upon the player's departure from the team. This requirement should be clear so there are no questions on what uniforms and/or equipment the player is obligated to return. The team may have rules regarding the care of their uniforms and/or equipment, if so, the player and parents too **MUST** follow these because probable reason for the return is for the purpose of reuse the next season. Providing rules or instructions for care of uniforms and/or equipment to the player and/or parent adherence is required. When returning uniforms and/or equipment that is required to be returned you should receive a written receipt from the team as proof that the return was made and all items

were in reusable condition. If the team does not issue receipts as part of their normal course of business, it would be wise for the parent to demand a receipt for the times returned to the team and request that each item be listed separately for verification purposes. For the receipt to be valid, it must be signed by the team manager and written on team stationary (if available) or the BMB Receipt Form. Doing this will eliminate any disputes that may arise. It is important to understand that failure to comply with this obligation will prevent the player from obtaining a release to play for another BMB team now or in the future. If you do not or cannot return the uniforms and/or equipment, then you are obligated to pay the replacement value of these items.

3. **CONDUCT** – The player, parents and anyone that is directly associated with the player, at any game (exhibition, regular season or tournament), practice or any other team event, agree to the following:

- A. **ALWAYS** act in a sportsmanlike manner.
- B. When cheering you **MUST** only make remarks that are positive to your team, the opposing team, an umpire, or any game official.
- C. **NEVER** use language that is unsuitable in the presence of a minor child.
- D. An umpire or game official **MUST** never be approached in a negative or aggressive manner, before, during or after any game.
- E. Failure to comply with these rules of conduct may result in the player and/or parents being suspended for, but not limited to, the remainder of the season.

Basically, everyone on the field is required to conduct them self in a sportsmanlike manner. Poor conduct will never be tolerated by BMB. Failure to comply with these rules of conduct will result in penalties as described in this document and our league rules. It is also important for all to understand that BMB rules, as well as most County and/or City ordinances strictly prohibit the use of any tobacco product, alcohol, or a controlled dangerous substance on the property where BMB games are played. Failure to comply with these rules, ordinances and laws may result in arrest or legal action against the offenders.

4. **PLAYER RELEASE PROCESS** -- To make the release process a more effective and efficient system ALL BMB Players are automatically released from their current BMB team on August 1 or at a date thereafter should that team be involved in a BMB Franchised Tournament. However, if the player owes equipment and/or uniforms (which are required to be returned) to their current team the player will not be released to play for another BMB team until these obligations are met. Further, the team manager has the right to sign players to his team for the upcoming season, any player and parent that signs the BMB Player Commitment Form or a BMB Player Contract will be strictly prohibited from requesting a release until November 1, no exceptions. After November 1 any player can request a release by submitting a written request to Bill Allen, Assistant Commissioner, at WEAllenBMB@verizon.net. Below are Player Release notes:

- A. It is important to understand that the philosophy of BMB is that when a player joins a BMB team that player is making an obligation to play there as long as the team exists. Every BMB team makes a considerable commitment of time and money to play in our league and it is the best interest for the future of our program that players do not arbitrarily leave their team without very good reason. Noting is more upsetting to a team when they devote the time and energy to develop their players only to have them leave at the end of or during the season.

Therefore, when a player and parents pick a team to play for please be diligent and do everything possible to make sure the team is right for you!

- B. Providing the player and parent has signed a BMB Player Commitment Form or a BMB Player Contract on or after November 1st the player and parents **MUST** make the team manager aware of your intention to be released. Then the player and parents **MUST** meet all the obligations with regard to returning uniforms and/or equipment. It is important to remember that a BMB official release will not be granted if confirmation from the team manager is not received by the BMB league office that all obligations have been satisfied. This further emphasizes the importance to have a written and signed receipt from the team manager. Doing this will expedite the release process and ensure you that all requirements to the team are settled.
- C. Unless the player is 18 years old at the time the release is requested, the player's parents **MUST** email a **WRITTEN** request for release to Bill Allen, Assistant Commissioner, @ WEAllenBMB@verizon.net. If the player is 18 years old or older, the player can make the request directly. The written request **MUST** include your name, relation to player, player's name, address, phone number, name of the team you are requesting to be released from and a brief explanation why the player is requesting the release. Upon receipt, Bill Allen will contact the team manager to verify that all of the aforementioned obligations have been satisfied. If all obligations have been met, then an official BMB Player Release will be issued and sent to the parent and/or player making the request via email. NOTE -- The team manager has five (5) business days to respond. Failure to respond will result in immediate issuance of the Official Player Release.
- D. When you receive the official BMB release, you **MUST** present it to the manager of the new BMB team you are trying out to verify that the player has been officially released. Remember, the player or parents can have no contact with any other BMB team prior to receipt of the release. Likewise, the player cannot participate or try-out for any other BMB team prior to receipt of the release. **Doing either is a violation of BMB rules and the player will not be allowed to play for that team during the current and following season, please understand that this is a two (2) year penalty, NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- E. Please note that the release process can take up to two (2) weeks to complete and during the regular season it can take longer, so until you receive your official Player Release the player is **prohibited** from contacting or participating with any other BMB team. Please understand that this process takes time and at any given period of the year Bill Allen has many releases to deal with. Therefore, **DO NOT** contact Bill Allen to ask him where your release is in the process or to tell him that you want your release immediately as this will only serve to slow your release process down. Protecting our teams and the investment they have made in their players we are in no rush to promote players jumping from one team to another. **This is the way it is if you chose to play for a BMB team!**
- F. In certain instances, the team manager may initiate the release process. In this situation, the team manager **MUST** notify Bill Allen of his decision, via email, that he has given you and your child notice of the release from the team. Shortly thereafter, a Player Release form will be emailed to you, thereby allowing you to seek out another BMB team.

5. **ILLEGAL PLAYER CONTACT** -- It is prohibited and illegal according to BMB rules for a team manager, coach or any person associated with another BMB team to make contact with a player or parents in an effort to recruit the player to their team unless the player has been officially released. If the player or parents are contacted the person making the contact should first ask what your current status in the BMB league. If your response is that you are currently playing for a BMB team the conversation must end at that point, any further discussion is a violation of BMB rules. Therefore, the player or parents are obligated to tell the truth about your current status, not doing so will place the player in violation of BMB rules. If you inform the person making contact that you are on a BMB team and have not asked for or received a BMB release and they continue the conversation in an effort to sway you to request a release and join their team or if you are continually contacted by the same team then the player and parents are obligated to email Bill Allen to notify him of this illegal conversation. If possible, it would be helpful if you can provide the name or names of those making the contact and their position with the team. Please understand that this rule applies down to the player level. Therefore, it is a violation of BMB rules for a player to make contact with another player in an effort to lure him or her to their team.

6. **PLAYING FOR MORE THAN ONE (1) BMB TEAM** -- It is strictly prohibited for any player to be on the roster of more than one (1) BMB team at any point in the regular season. This applies to the same or different BMB age division. For example, a 12U player cannot be on the roster of two 12U teams or a 12U team and a team in another age division, such as 13U, at the same time. If a violation of this rule is discovered or reported than the player will be dropped from all team rosters except of one which will be chosen by the BMB Commissioner, not the player.

NOTE: This does not apply to a player that is on the roster of a BMB team and the roster of a team in another league unless that team is in a league that is franchised in one or more of the same national organizations that BMB is franchises in which are AABC, Dizzy Dean, or NABF. Where this is found the player will be placed with the team that he or she played first for that season, again, the player does not get to chose the team.

7. **BMB LEAGUE RULES** -- It is highly recommended that every player and parent read and understand the rules of BMB. A copy of the current rules can be downloaded from the BMB web site @ www.baltimoremetrobaseball.com, then click on the Parents / Players Info section.

Again, it is important that you carefully read all that is written in this document and the rules of BMB. Failure to follow any of the above procedures or policies or rules of BMB may have an adverse effect on your child and prevent him/her from playing for the BMB team of their choice. After reading this information or the rules of BMB should you have any questions please email them to info@baltimoremetrobaseball.com.

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