



2024 LETTER OF COMMITMENT

Player name: _____
(Please Print Full Name)

Travel Division: 9U/10U/11U/12U

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

1) Attendance

- a. SOUTHIES Baseball is a competitive team activity requiring participation of its players for practices, games, and tournaments. Missing scheduled team events not only hurts the development of the player, but the whole team. If a player misses practices, games or tournaments for unexcused reasons, it can limit playing time.
- b. Family is first. The SOUTHIES Board understands a player may have to miss practices or games due to family functions such as weddings, reunions, graduations, or funerals. Postponing family vacations until after the season is **strongly encouraged**.
- c. The SOUTHIES Board understands and supports that players may be involved in other sports (e.g. soccer, track, etc.) or activities (e.g. band, theater, etc.) that may create conflicts with practices, games, tournaments or other team activities. In event this occurs it is essential that the player and/or player's parents discuss these conflicts timely with the head coach.
- d. If committing to your SOUTHIES baseball team will be an issue or problem, then the SOUTHIES Board asks that you consider participation in our house league program and provide another child who does not have an attendance limitation, the opportunity to make the team.

2) Playing time & Coaching

- a. SOUTHIES baseball is a Developmental team Coached by Brent Concolino but equal playing time is not guaranteed. We strive to have at least 4 Coaches to each practice and practices will be ran like a clinic to ensure everyone learns at the most efficient rate.
- b. Travel coaches have the right to limit a player's playing time due to lack of commitment to the team, which could include missing practices, games, or other team activities or due to unsportsmanlike conduct.

Initials of Parent/Legal Guardian and Date: _____

3) Coaches

- a. Coaches are selected by the SOUTHIES Board. They shall manage teams as they see fit, subject to oversight by Brent Concolino and SOUTHIES Baseball Board.
- b. Coaches are to follow the guidelines created by the SOUTHIES Baseball Board that includes playing time, scheduling of games, and personal conduct. Failure to follow these guidelines could result in the coach being removed from his duties and replaced by an assistant coach chosen by the SOUTHIES Baseball Board.

4) Behavior Policy

- a. Goal of this policy is to not only promote sportsmanship, but also encourage positive and effective communication between the SOUTHIES Board, coaches, players, umpires, parents, and spectators.
- b. Any board member, coach, player, umpire, parent, or spectator that demonstrates behavior that is detrimental to this program may be removed from the SOUTHIES baseball 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) and may be expelled from the program (nonrefundable).
- c. If the violator is a board member, coach, or player then the SOUTHIES 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 SOUTHIES Baseball Board. They also are not entitled to a hearing before the Board or an appeal of the Board's decision.
- e. All tobacco products (chew, snuff, cigars and cigarettes), electronic cigarettes and alcohol usage is strictly prohibited for all players and coaches during team activities.

5) Volunteerism

- a. The SOUTHIES Baseball program generates its funding through player registration fees, sponsors, hosting tournaments, and fundraisers. Parents or legal guardians of all players are encouraged to support the SOUTHIES baseball program either through volunteering their time, helping with fundraising activities, or contributing monetary donations.

SUPPORT STAFF:

ROCK Institute is a faith based company that seeks to create meaningful and lasting relationships with our athletes, patients, clients, and community. For decades, RI has worked hard to be on the cutting edge of human performance, having served over 19,000 athletes and individuals. Our objective is to help your young athletes (R.O.C.K.) Reach Optimum Core Kinetics.

ROCK Institute will be supplying Coaches and Trainers as well as Doctors/Physical Therapy when needed for athletes that require extra attention.

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7) Fees

a. **ALL FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE**

- b. The 2023 player fee is \$325 for 9U. A \$50 deposit is due with the completion of this form with the remaining amount due by May 5, 2023.
- c. The SOUTHIES Baseball Board will provide each player with one uniform set including a hat, 2 shirts, pants, and belt. Parents or legal guardians are responsible for all other personal equipment including shoes, socks, glove, bat, bag, etc. If a player damages or destroys a uniform article, the parent must buy the identical replacement article through the SOUTHIES Baseball Board at the parent's or legal guardian's personal expense.
- d. Parents should understand that there may be additional costs involved with travel baseball that may include (but not limited to) equipment, travel, hotels, etc. We do not plan to travel anywhere over 15 mile radius from Orange County.
- e. If you need financial assistance, payment terms can be arranged on a case by case basis at the discretion of the SOUTHIES Baseball Board. Please contact admin@southiesbaseball.com if you need financial assistance. Requests for assistance will remain confidential.

8) Commitment

- a. By submitting this signed form along with a \$50 deposit by Monday, May 5, 26, 2023, I have confirmed that the player named above has committed to play on the SOUTHIES Baseball Team indicated.

NOTE: If this form is not signed and submitted along with the \$50 deposit to the SOUTHIES Baseball Board by the date mentioned above, the player will forfeit their spot on the team.

- b. **If a player is removed from a team by his parent(s) or legal guardian subsequent to making a commitment to a SOUTHIES Baseball team (by signing this form and paying the \$50 deposit by the date mentioned above) to play on another team outside of the SOUTHIES Baseball Program, the player will not be allowed to try out for a team under the SOUTHIES Baseball Program for the 2024 season. Also, the \$50 deposit will not be refunded.**
- c. **Failure to comply with all rules above may result in the player named above being removed from his SOUTHIES Baseball team.**

I have read and understand this entire Letter of Commitment (including sections 1-8 listed above) and agree to abide by it.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____
(please print)

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
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