

INDIAN BASEBALL



Parent/Player Handbook

2012

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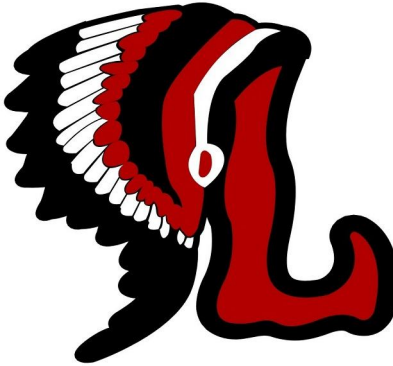
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Sportsmanship- Our #1 Priority

The National High School Federation would like for your #1 priority during the current school year to demonstrate positive **SPORTSMANSHIP**. It does not happen accidentally. It takes a lot of hard work, advance planning, a great deal of courage and a dedication to stand tall when you are right. The policy statement below should be your guideline for high school athletics and activities:

“The ideals of good sportsmanship, ethical behavior and integrity permeate our culture. The values of good citizenship and high behavioral standards apply equally to all activity disciplines. In perception and practice, good sportsmanship shall be defined as those qualities or behaviors which are characterized by generosity and genuine concern for others. Further, awareness is expected of the impact of an individual’s influence on the behavior of others. Good sportsmanship is viewed by the National Federation as a concrete measure of the understanding and commitment to fair play, ethical behavior, and integrity.”

Loveland High School Baseball Philosophy

In accordance with the school philosophy regarding athletics, the purpose of the baseball program is to provide any student who is eligible, the opportunity to participate. The player selection process that we will undergo is always a difficult one, and players that have been selected are those that the coach's feel will best represent Loveland High School this season.

The following is a list of criteria that will be considered in the selection process:

1. The athlete will represent the school in a positive manner both on and off the field.
2. The athlete has set high standards both academically and athletically.
3. The athlete demonstrates an ability to function as a team player and at the same time exhibits self-confidence in his individual play.
4. The athlete demonstrates both mental and physical abilities and talents to play the game of baseball.
5. The athlete demonstrates the same wholesome competitive spirit in practices as in the games.
6. The athlete exhibits a willingness to work hard and strives to improve each day.

The foundation of the Loveland High School Baseball Team is based upon the attitude, dedication, and effort the players and coaches bring to the program. Our goal is to put a team on the field that plays with great desire and character because it is the character that players and fans will long remember.

Loveland High School Baseball Tryout Format

The following is how the tryout period will work, (if weather permits): Dates Feb 27th, Feb 28th, and Feb 29th 4:00 PM.

1. ***Day 1 Initial Player Assessment:*** Drills will show players baseball knowledge, speed, arm strength, athleticism, position strength, and attitude.
2. ***Day 2 Defensive Assessment:*** Players will be able to tryout at their spots in a series of instructional drills.
3. ***Day 3: Offensive Assessment:*** Players will be able hit in a series of instructional drills as well as game like situations. (Final Evaluations are made this day, teams will be announced)



The following is a description of the makeup for the three teams within the Loveland Baseball Team:

The C-Team Program

Approximately 13-15 players are selected for this team, which was established to provide more freshman and sophomore athletes an opportunity to participate at the high school level of competition. Generally, games are scheduled with other teams of the same ability level. This gives those athletes an additional year of experience, which the coaches feel could give them the time to mature, both physically and mentally.

At the C-Team level, our goal is to be competitive and the emphasis is on learning the game, improving fundamentals, and gaining baseball experience through practices and games. We keep more players at the C level, because it is an opportunity to develop players. In some situations practice in the spring along with game experience in the summer is the best way to do this.

The Junior Varsity Program

Approximately 12-14 players, freshman, sophomores or juniors, are selected for this team. These athletes have exhibited a higher skill level than those playing at the C-team level. The coaches feel that these players have demonstrated a definite potential to play varsity in the future, but they still need to refine their skills and further their maturity physically and/or mentally.

With this team comes greater emphasis on competition. The coaches have higher expectations for these athletes to perform up to their capabilities and to begin to develop consistency. There is always opportunity to move up to the varsity level if the coaches feel that the individual can contribute to the varsity program. It may also be the case that a varsity player could be moved down to the junior varsity if that individual is not getting the playing time that was expected. The coaches expect a positive response from all the players in situations of this type.

The Varsity Program

There are usually 12-14 players who make up this team. The primary emphasis at this level is competition. Those athletes selected—seniors, juniors, sophomores, or freshman—are expected to perform at the highest level within the program on a consistent basis. These athletes' possess the qualities that the coaches consider essential to produce a competitive team at the varsity level. Participation is based on each individual's ability, attitude, and contributions made to the **TEAM**.

Loveland Baseball Policies

Players' Code of Ethics:



1. Place academic achievement as the highest priority. *Prep for life after baseball!*
2. Sportsmanship:
 - *Show respect for teammates, opponents, officials and coaches.*
 - *Respect the integrity and judgment of game officials.*
 - *Exhibit fair play, sportsmanship and proper conduct on and off the playing field.*
 - *Adhere to the established rules and standards of the game to be played.*
3. Maintain a high level of safety awareness.
4. Respect all equipment and use it safely and appropriately.
5. Refrain from the use of alcohol, illegal and non-prescriptive drugs, anabolic steroids, HGH or any inappropriate substance to increase physical development or performance.
6. *Win with character, lose with dignity.*

Player Responsibilities

1. Attendance and Tardies;
 - *Each athlete is expected to be at every practice and be on time. If you inform one of the coaches, then exceptions can be made. If a player is home ill, he should call his coach and leave a detailed message. A violation of this policy will result in some form of punishment, ranging from running, loss of playing time, to a suspension from the team. All coaches contacts or on the website.*
2. Hustle at all times and encourage teammates to do the same.
3. 100% effort at all times in practice and games.
4. Do not criticize teammates.
5. Communicate with the coaches. Injuries/School issues/Personal issues.
6. Maintain and keep all uniforms clean;
 - *Each player will be issued a game uniform and will be responsible for all items checked out to him for the entire season. The individual to who it was checked out must pay for any item lost or stolen. The items are not to be worn for any other school activity except baseball.*
7. Practice is only over when all equipment is loaded and put away and field maintenance is done.
8. Maintain and keep clean the batting cage and compound.
9. Proper baseball attire at practice.
 - *All gear requirements can be found on the website under the "Gear" tab.*
 - *Players not in the correct attire will be sent home, and leads to loss of playing time.*
10. Fundraise
 - *All players are required to do 2 fundraising commitments worth a total of 200.00.*
 - *Sell 2 tickets for Poker Night Fundraiser equaling 100.00*
 - *Sell 5 Discount Coupon Packets equaling 100.00*
 - *Players fundraising commitments will be tracked, so please do your part.*

Loveland Baseball Policies Cont.

Parents' Code of Ethics and Responsibilities:

1. Communicate with the coaching staff if there is any problem that the player cannot work out. The chain should be first play to coach, then parent to coach, level issue to Head Coach, then program issue to AD.



2. Playing time/or Position Concerns is not a problem.
3. Let the coaches coach.
4. Enjoy seeing all the players and not just your own.
5. Never question or pick at the coaches or umpires.
6. Don't embarrass yourself, the team, or the players, by arguing with officials, coaches or other fans in the stands. Represent Indian baseball!
7. Get involved as much as possible. This is OUR PROGRAM and there will be several opportunities to get involved in the program; I encourage you to take advantage of it.
 - *Volunteer your services in some way to the team, car pool, phone tree, maintenance of facilities, etc.*
 - *Fundraising, be a part of it, it goes back to you players.*
8. Maintain high expectations of your student athlete, but try to avoid extra pressure. Encourage your student athlete to be the best they can be.
9. Represent Loveland High School Baseball with class at all times.

Indian Baseball Side Notes

Note to self:

1. Communication: Please visit our website and sign up to receive the latest information on Indian Baseball operations www.lovelandhighschoolbaseball.com
2. Summer Legion Preparation: Please financially prepare yourself for your player trying out for the Indian Legion teams, the cost is 400.00, all extra information is located on the website under 'Summer Legion Team'.
3. The spring schedule will always be updated and located on the website under "Schedule"
4. BBCOR regulated bats only this year.

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