

CHARGER BASEBALL 2024

COACH'S EXPECTATIONS

Participation in Charger baseball will be an experience in hard work and fun. We are going to work hard to achieve the highest level of performance that our skills will allow and we will keep in mind that baseball is a game . . . and games should be fun.

Below are the Coach's Expectations for Charger baseball. Read them carefully before you sign and return the sheet at the end.

I. PRACTICE RULES

A. **ATTENDANCE:** Your attendance at every practice is absolutely necessary. A daily roll call will be taken. Don't ask another player to tell me that you will not be at practice. This is **YOUR** responsibility.

1. The only excused absences will be illness, school related activities, family emergency or pre-arranged family vacation. In all cases, the coach must be notified before practice or a game. (Note: haircuts, tuxedo fittings, working at a job, etc. are **NOT** excused absences).
 - a. **Varsity** - - - inform Coach Rieck by calling the Wittenberg School at 715-253-2221 Ext. 2148 or Cell 715-881-0389, Coach Szews or Coach Christian at the High School.
 - b. **JV** - - - inform Coach Miller, Coach Szews, or Coach Christian at the High School or Coach Sippl.
 - c. **Middle School** - - - inform Coach Meverden or Coach Sippl.
2. If you have a school related activity that conflicts with practice or a game you must have it approved by your coach **AHEAD OF TIME**. EX] plays, musicals, FFA trips, college campus visits, music/band concerts, etc.
3. Injured players are required to attend practice. (There will be some discretion here)

B. **CONDUCT:** Your conduct on and off the field is expected to be mature and sportsmanlike.

1. You must maintain a positive mental attitude. Criticisms, if you have them, must be directed to Coach Rieck, Coach Szews, Coach Christian, Coach Miller, or

Coach Sippl. When you direct negative criticism towards your own teammates it only destroys the team morale. In addition, negative criticism directed towards the opposing team only takes you out of the game, and it will not be tolerated.

2. You must control your emotions. Absolutely NO swearing will be allowed at any time. In game situations, according to WIAA rule, ejections may occur due to swearing.
3. You must be coachable. Signs of disgust, talking back, or non-cooperation will not be tolerated.
4. If you are to be a part of the Charger Baseball Program, proper apparel is required at all practices. This includes: WB Baseball Cap and practice issued apparel or other "Charger" apparel, spikes, tennis shoes, and baseball glove.
5. If you have any questions related to game regulations, rules, practices, and games, ask your coaches.
6. Effort in practice and games may determine playing time throughout the year.

II. GAME CONDUCT

A. **GAMES:** Players must play hard within the rules set forth by the WIAA. Athletes will conduct themselves in a positive manner.

1. Set the tone when you step onto the field. **HUSTLE** at all times! You may not be the most talented or athletic person on the field, but there is no excuse for not giving 100% all the time.
2. Respect your opponents and umpires. The WIAA emphasizes this every year.
3. Never question an umpire's call. That decision is a permanent one and will only be questioned by the coach.
4. No taunting of opponents is allowed. Instead, encourage, assist, and cheer for your teammates.
5. Show good sportsmanship at all times.
6. Dugouts must be cleaned up after each game.
7. Help your coach and team by shagging balls, keeping score, stats, caring for equipment, etc.

III. TRANSPORTATION CONDUCT

A. BEHAVIOR

1. You will abide by all bus rules. (District Bus Conduct Rules).
2. Quiet conversation will be allowed. No yelling, screaming, or singing is necessary or allowed.
3. We will clean up the bus at the end of the trip. Please . . . **NO** sunflower seeds on the bus.

B. TEAM MEMBERS

1. Must ride to the game on the bus.
2. Players may ride home with a parent or guardian in accordance with the school policy by signing the travel release sign out sheet. If a parent sends a note for another parent to give their child a ride home from the game, the player may go but the coach will keep the parents note. The driving parent will sign on two lines---once for each player they are giving the ride home. When done, the driving parent has taken liability for the ballplayers.

IV. EQUIPMENT CARE

A. UNIFORM/PRACTICE GEAR CARE. You are responsible for cleaning your uniform and practice clothing. Uniforms must be clean for game day. Intentionally damaged uniforms will be paid for by the player. At the conclusion of the season **ALL** school owned apparel must be returned in a timely fashion.

B. GLOVES will be the player's responsibility.

C. AFTER PRACTICE/GAMES Every team member is responsible for the clean up of all equipment. After games, the entire team is responsible for cleaning up the dugout. No one is excused until these jobs are completed. Please remove cleats outdoors and clean them outside. Also do not wear spikes indoors at any time. Keep your locker room neat & clean - - - this includes the commons.

V. SCHOOL CONDUCT

A. YOU ARE IN SCHOOL TO GET AN EDUCATION FIRST AND PLAY BASEBALL SECOND. DO NOT EVER FORGET THESE PRIORITIES.

B. PROPER CLASSROOM AND SCHOOL BEHAVIOR IS A MUST!

1. Be in school at all times. (FULL DAY ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE IN A GAME!) There are exceptions - - - SEE DISTRICT ACTIVITIES CODE.
2. No tardiness - - - For consequences refer to Section VI
3. *Students have 15 days to pass a grade check after earning a failing grade, and if not passing after 15 days, a player will be dismissed from the team.*

VI. TRAINING RULES

As a member of the Charger Baseball Team, you will be expected to meet these expectations at all times. Violations of any of the above expectations will be dealt with by applying the appropriate consequence to the violation depending on the severity. The following consequences could be applied:

1. Verbal reprimand
2. Community Service: Wearing an orange safety vest, and doing community service around school (example: cleaning lunch room, wiping down tables, sweeping floors, taking out trash, etc.)
3. Baseball “workout” (Example: non-cooperation, disrespect, abuse of equipment)
4. Not in starting lineup/dismissal from practice (Example: non-cooperation, disrespect, abuse of equipment)
5. **Game suspensions:**
Unexcused absences and unexcused practices

1st violation = 1 game

2nd violation = 2 games

3rd violation = **Dismissal from team**

VII. COACHES DECISIONS, ROLES AND PARTICIPATION

- A.** All decisions by the coaching staff are made to maximize the success of the program while allowing each player to develop to their full potential as a player. The coaching staff reserves the right to make all decisions regarding game management, playing time, and discipline of players.
- B.** At the discretion of the coach, players will be assigned to play on the varsity, junior varsity or both teams based upon a player's developmental ability and commitment levels. Team assignments are not based on age or grade level, nor are permanent.
- C.** Playing time during games is not guaranteed to players. However, each player will be given the opportunity to increase their playing time through hard work and improvement in practices.
- D.** Questions regarding a player's role or assignment on a team may only be addressed when the player and multiple coaches are present.

VIII. VARSITY LETTER REQUIREMENTS

- A.** Win or save as a pitcher **and** at least 4 total innings pitched throughout the varsity season.
- B.** Minimum of 10 at bats on the varsity team.
- B.** Juniors and seniors who are on the varsity squad and consistently at practices and games.
- D.** Other circumstances may be applied at coach's discretion.

A REMINDER:

NO official softball or baseball games are allowed (other than high school games) during our regular season and postseason. Absolutely **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

WITTENBERG-BIRNAMWOOD CHARGERS

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SPORT : **BASEBALL (9-12)**

PARENTAL AGREEMENT:

WE, THE PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF _____
HAVE READ THE BASEBALL COACH'S EXPECTATIONS AND AGREE TO HELP MY SON ABIDE BY
THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS STATED.

SIGNED: _____
PARENTAL SIGNATURE (GUARDIAN)

DATE _____

STUDENT AGREEMENT:

I HAVE READ THE BASEBALL COACH'S EXPECTATIONS AND I HEREBY AGREE TO ABIDE BY
THE RULES AND REGULATIONS AS STATED.

SIGNED: _____
ATHLETE'S SIGNATURE

DATE _____