

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Group:  TEE BALL  
 COACH PITCH  
Coach: \_\_\_\_\_  9-10  
 11-12



## **CHAPEL GROVE OPTIMIST CLUB**

DIXIE YOUTH BASEBALL PLAYERS

BY-LAWS AND REGULATIONS

REVISED AND ADOPTED DECEMBER 2002

### **COACH'S**

- A. The CHAPEL GROVE OPTIMIST CLUB executive committee will meet and review each coach's name submitted by the league for the upcoming season. Anyone interested in a coaching position should submit a request in writing to CGOC - PO Box 12625, Gastonia NC 28052 or give a written request to a member of the CGOC executive committee.
- B. Coach's conduct will be monitored by the CGOC. All coaches are expected to conduct themselves with courtesy and professionalism when in the presence of those children under their charge. *Coaches are expected to help with other team activities.*
- C. Any concern by a parent or player about a coach or a member of his/her staff should be brought to the attention of the CGOC executive committee for review.

### **PLAYERS**

- A. CGOC shows no discrimination to those wishing to participate in our youth baseball program.
- B. All players will be placed in an age group based on their birthday.
- C. Registration fees must be collected from each player before they can be placed on a team.
- D. The child of a head coach is automatically placed on the team of their parent if they so desire. All children of assistant coaches moving up to the next age group must not go through line draft.
- E. ***No child shall at any point talk back to a coach or an official.*** The first offense shall be disciplined by the head coach. If there is a second offense, it shall be brought before the CGOC executive committee. All decisions brought about by the CGOC executive committee will be final.
- F. Each player in the minor or major division shall in one game play at least 6 outs, 3 offense and 3 defense, which includes one turn at bat. If a game is shortened due to rain any child that did not enter the game will start the next scheduled game. In the event a child does not play in a full game, the team will forfeit that game.
- G. Any child playing in the catching position must wear an athletic cup at all times during a game. If a player playing the catching position does not have an athletic cup, he will not be allowed to play that position. It is highly recommended that all players, especially those playing any infield positions, wear an athletic cup during a game.
- H. All helmets must be equipped with a face guard and chinstrap. (Except T-Ball)
- I. *All players in the dugout will be expected to behave in an orderly manner.* Any horseplay could result in injury.

- J. Any child with an unexcused absence from school the day of a game will not play in the game on that day. If a child has an unexcused absence and plays in the game on the same day he/she is absent, that child will not play in the next game, but will be required to be at practice.
- K. No base-runner will slide head first while advancing to a base. *Head first slides are allowed while running to the previously occupied base only.*
- L. No jewelry will be worn during a game.
- M. Contact between a base-runner and a defensive player is prohibited except in the event of incidental contact. Any contact that is perceived by the head umpire to be intentional will result in ejection from the game for the person invoking the contact.

## PARENTS AND FANS

- A. *All parents are requested to support their children by attending all games and encouraging their children to pay attention and give 100% participation during practices and games.*
- B. It is the responsibility of the parents to know game and practice times. Please have your child at the ball field on time and pick your child up on time. The coach can not leave until all kids are picked up. If the player is absent from 2 practices *without excuse*, he will not play the game that week.
- C. Parents are expected to act in an adult manner while attending practices or games. Any parent that becomes disorderly will be asked to leave the premises. **Any member of the CGOC has the authority to ask anyone unruly to leave the premises.** If you as a parent are asked to leave the ballpark, you will be asked to attend a meeting with the CGOC executive committee and explain the situation. If an understanding cannot be reached between all parties involved, the disorderly individual will then be barred for the remainder of the season. If you are asked to leave- your child will also be asked to leave.
- D. Any parent or fan with the smell of alcohol or any activity suspected of substance abuse will be asked to leave the ballpark. If the individual does not leave in a timely manner, the local authorities will be called and asked to escort said individual away from the premises.
- E. Each parent must sign the attached statement indicating that they have read and do understand these by-laws and regulations of the CGOC. It is your responsibility as a parent to read the by-laws. Any questions that you have should be addressed as soon as possible to a member of the CGOC.

## TOLERANCE

- A. **CGOC HAS A POLICY OF ZERO TOLERANCE.** This policy pertains to players, coaches, parents and fans.
- B. No fighting is allowed on the premises. A player fighting will result in removal from the team. When a parent or fan is involved the local authorities will be called and the parties involved will be escorted off the premises and in the presence of the police asked not to return. If they do return, they will be charged with trespassing.
- C. It is against the law: punishable by time served and a fine, for any person to assault a sporting official or civic club member. We ask that while you may not agree with all calls made by a coach or official you respect that person's judgement.

## GAME LIMITS AND TIMES



- A. Games have a time limit of 1 hour and 30 minutes.
- B. All players should be at the playing field 30 minutes before the game starting time.
- C. A game will be considered complete after six innings of play or one team has a 10 run lead after 4 innings. In the event of a rain out, a game is considered complete after four complete innings or 3 1/2 innings if the home team has the lead.
- D. In the event of a rain out, a game will be made up on the earliest possible date. The league commissioner will determine the date.
- E. If time poses a problem a game will be called complete after the home team has batted after the 1 hour 20 minute mark., unless the home team has the lead.

## ALL STARS

- A. The all star team will consist of three coaches, one head coach and two assistants and 13 players. There will also be one alternate chosen in the event that a player or players are unable to make the tournament. The alternate may or may not play in the allstar tournament.
- B. In the major (9-10) and minor (7-8) league only, there will be 18 players selected for the all star try-outs. After three days, 13 players will be selected for the all star team and there will be one alternate. The coaching staff of the all star team will the select the 13 team members.
- C. The coach with the winning regular season team and his chosen assistant will meet and choose the all star team.
- D. The first place head coach for the season will coach the all star team and he will pick his staff.
- E. All players chosen for the all star team will be expected to be at all practices and all games. Players are allowed only two excused absences from practices.
- F. The 13 players selected for the all star team will be responsible for a \$25.00 fee for all-star uniforms. The \$25.00 fee wil cover: hat, tee-shirt & socks. There will be one additional uniform to be used for the alternate.
- G. Coaches may solicit sponsors if they want a better uniform with the following stipulations:
  - 1. Sponsors names will not be printed on back of the shirts.
  - 2. All-star teams must use purple, white and orange as a color scheme.

The CHAPEL GROVE OPTIMIST CLUB reserves the right to amend or change any by law or regulation when needed to ensure the well being of all children and the CHAPEL GROVE OPTIMIST CLUB without notice.

Coach: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian of Player: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_