



Ignit Baseball Club

Parent/Player Handbook 2024-2025



We are excited to launch the 2024 Ignit Baseball teams! This is a unique brand of competitive Baseball designed for kids, families and coaches to optimize Baseball development and achieve their goals. We have developed our philosophies of coaching and individual player development from a lifetime of playing, coaching and training numerous athletes as well as helping our own children develop and grow through playing Baseball. We know how important and fun this really should be and want each individual and team to enjoy this experience to its fullest!

At Ignit Baseball we will provide quality programs and experiences to players, their families, and coaches of all levels and abilities to ensure personal growth and team/skill development.

Our processes are designed with each player, family, and coach in mind. Our philosophy is one of comprehensive development for each athlete including fundamental technical and tactical skills. We are dedicated to providing a challenging and enjoyable experience for everyone!

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Mission Statement

Ignit Baseball will ensure a positive experience for each athlete through our commitment to individual growth and family involvement. Within our baseball organization we will provide players the opportunity to not only succeed on the field but more importantly help them build character traits that will be essential in being successful in life.

Core Values of Ignit Baseball

Fun

The primary reason we play, coach and watch youth sports is because we enjoy it! It should be fun for all involved. We strive to provide a fun and positive experience for our players, families, and coaches. While we recognize that occasionally the pressure and frustration of preparation and competition can overshadow the joy of the game, Ignit Baseball will make every effort to incorporate the value of fun for everyone involved.

Sportsmanship

We all like to win and should have expectations regarding success. One of the foundational building blocks of success is demonstrating sportsmanship at all times when at or acting on behalf of Ignit Baseball. Ignit Baseball will teach and hold every player to exacting standards when it comes to playing, practicing and conducting themselves with integrity, honor and respect for: themselves, parents, teammates, coaches, fans, and umpires. All parents and players who choose to be a part of Ignit Baseball must remember they always represent themselves, their families, the club, and our community.

Player Development

Our first responsibility is the safety and development of our players. The coaches and developmental staff at Ignit Baseball recognize that every player has his own personality and that there are many distinctive styles of play. It is also our philosophy that the foundation for every talented player regardless of style of play is age-appropriate development of fundamental technical skills and tactical knowledge. We believe that the long-term development of players is achieved through the implementation of a comprehensive process and we will always balance the development of individuals with the development of teams. We all need to recognize that every player's athletic development progresses at a different pace. Ignit Baseball is dedicated to the development of every player and will make best efforts to place players on appropriate teams to help them develop at a pace that is comfortable for them!

Communication

To ensure a positive, effective experience for all players and parents, the coaches and developmental staff of Ignit Baseball value the necessity of meaningful communication between coaches, players and parents. For all individual players and their teams to become successful we must assess progress at regular intervals and effectively communicate the assessment results to all players and parents. We recognize the importance of each player as a person and an athlete and we are committed to communicating with parents and players so all feel welcome and valued.

Playing Time

Practice is an extremely important and valuable piece of the developmental puzzle for each player; playing time is an important piece as well. While Ignit Baseball does not guarantee equal playing time to all players, we will ensure that every player has adequate playing time to ensure his development and provide a positive experience. If there are ever questions about this, please contact your Head Coach.

Ignit Performance Training

In order to develop and compete at the highest level all athletes must be dedicated to age-appropriate training programs. Ignit Performance Training is a part of Ignit Baseball; we will provide baseline and ongoing Performance Training assessments for each baseball player. The training will focus on rotational power, acceleration/speed, and explosion. With the combination of performance training and baseball skill development our athletes will be prepared for success in the upcoming season.

Coach Selections

Ignit Baseball is dedicated to selecting qualified, paid coaches for each team. We may also select parent or other volunteer coaches to help with each team. We recognize this experience is important not only to the player, but to the family as well. Any parent or family member wanting to be considered for a volunteer coaching position should contact the Baseball Club Director or their team's head coach.

Number of Players

Ignit Baseball will roster no more than 12 players per team. If players are going to miss games, the club may find guest players to fill the roster for any given weekend. The club may also decide to move players up or over from other Ignit Baseball teams.

Support and Encouragement

Parental support is integral to the successful development of individuals and teams. It is critical to maintaining a fun and positive experience for all players, coaches, and fans. Parents are expected to be encouraging and supportive of all players, coaches, and umpires at all times including:

- Expressing only positive cheers and words of encouragement during games and practices.
- Trusting that your coaches are making decisions that are best for the team and individual player's development.
- Practicing with and encouraging your child on their own time using coaches' suggestions to improve individual skills.

Conflicts/Concerns

Ignit Baseball is a developmental competitive Baseball Club, as such, practices and games can from time to time become intense. At no time will criticism, arguments or yelling at players, umpires, coaches, or fans be tolerated. If a parent/fan or player's behavior is not consistent with the above expectations they will be asked to stop the behavior, disengage, and/or leave the area immediately. If the parent/fan or player chooses to remain engaged disciplinary action will be handled by the Baseball Director.

Parents are encouraged to bring their questions, concerns and general feedback to the coaching staff within the following guidelines:

- Observe the 12-hour rule. Do not approach the coaches with negative issues immediately before, during, after, or in between games. Please provide at least a 12-hour cooling-off and reflection period to allow game-time emotions to calm;
- Request to speak with the coaching staff privately. Do not make negative or disparaging comments in front of players or other parents.

Parent Expectations

Basic expectations for all parents include:

- Please make every effort to get your player to all practices and games on time and prepared to participate. We understand that this can be difficult, if we all work together and utilize the team chat it may be possible for your child to get a ride with another family or a coach.
- Please inform the team coordinator if you know in advance that your player will be late or absent from a practice, game, or event.
- Please cheer for your player during games and let the coaches coach them through the situations of the game. We want all players to enjoy playing in the game and to be focused on the instruction from their coaches. We are what we are on game day and providing mechanical adjustments can be counterproductive.

- Parents are expected to be positive in their support of all players, coaches and Ignit Baseball. Please trust that the decisions made by your coaches are in the best interest of your player, team and club based on their knowledge, experience and insights of the game.
- If you need to talk to someone regarding concerns, please start with your team's coach and or team coordinator. If you don't feel that the situation has been resolved satisfactorily, please contact the Baseball Director.

Parents are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times. We understand that competitive sports can be intense and frustrating at times, however this is not an excuse for abusive or uncontrolled behavior. Please remember that we as adults are responsible for modeling desirable behavior for the young athletes.

Player's Code of Conduct

Players are expected to conduct themselves in a positive manner at all times. They will also be expected to:

- Have fun!
- You can control 2 things; your attitude and effort
- Be respectful of the coaches, parents, and players on all our club teams.
- Be respectful of the opposing team's players, parents, and coaches.
- Be respectful the umpires.
- Be open to coaching and willing to try new things at the suggestion of the team coaches and or player development staff.
- Have appropriate gear.
- Represent your family, team and club in a positive way

Ignit Baseball Club Team Inclusions

- Indoor Practice Facility: used during the winter and inclement weather. Number of practices will vary from team to team during the offseason.
- Outdoor Practices: at least two outdoor practices a week for each team. (Weather permitting)
- Ignit Performance Training
- Spring/Fall League Games and/or Tournament Play
- Ignit Coaches (club team coach appointed by Ignit)
- Ignit Clinics and Camps for skills development
- Uniform: Each player will receive one Ignit baseball hat, two pair of Ignit baseball pants and two Ignit game jerseys.
- Baseball Club Team players have access to Ignit Facility court and turf areas during open periods.
- Other Ignit Programs are available at a discount for Ignit Baseball Club members and their families

Use of Ignit logo, Uniforms, Equipment, Etc.

The use of the Ignit name Logo and any Ignit Equipment is restricted to Ignit sanctioned competitions and events! Ignit expressly prohibits the use of the Ignit Name, Logo or any Ignit equipment unless permission is granted in writing by Ignit Sports and Fitness for any competitions or events other than those directly organized, coached or otherwise sanctioned by Ignit Sports and Fitness LLC.

Ignit Volunteer Program

Ignit hosts sporting, philanthropic and community events at our facility. Interested families can offset a portion of their Ignit Club Team fees by assisting at these events. Volunteers typically assist in the concession area, with event on-court support or event check-in.

Volunteer hours offset only a portion of club fees; families are required to pay the remainder of their club fees as outlined under the Program Fee Structure section of this handbook.

If a family is interested in volunteering, please schedule a meeting with the director to discuss these opportunities. Once approved send an email to mollyp@ignitsports and we will add you to our volunteer list. To volunteer family members must be at least 14 years old. Families will sign-up utilizing an online signup system and will be tracked by Ignit. Volunteer hours are on a first-come basis. Ignit reserves the right to discontinue the volunteer program or discontinue a family's participation in the program (i.e. not showing up for volunteer shift signed up for).