

ALTOONA INDEPENDENT YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE

2021 CODE OF CONDUCT & PARENT AGREEMENT

To the parents of AIYBL players:

First, we want to thank you for allowing your child to play in the Altoona Independent Youth Baseball League (AIYBL). These days, you have many choices as to where your child plays any sport and we appreciate that you chose us. From our Officers to the Managers to the Coaches, we want to create a fun relationship with you and your children while teaching the fundamentals of baseball. If you have any issues at all during the season, please take them up privately with your team's manager and if that is not resolved to your satisfaction, please feel free to approach any of us. A few rules of the league:

1. I understand that Little League Baseball is a game played by children. As with any game that children play, the main purpose is to have fun.
2. I understand that as a parent/guardian of a Little Leaguer, my responsibility is to encourage my child to have fun, to help him/her with the basic skills of the game, and, above all, to teach the importance of good sportsmanship and fair play.
3. I understand the importance of supporting the coaches and volunteers who help make Little League possible. I know that if I have a legitimate complaint that I should discuss it privately with the coach or direct it to the Altoona Independent Youth Baseball League Board of Directors.
4. I understand that as a parent I must set a proper example for the children and abide by Little League rules of behavior for coaches, parents and spectators, and that the following actions are **NOT ACCEPTABLE**:
 - a. Criticism of umpires
 - b. Negative comments directed at any player, coach, umpire or spectator
 - c. Profane Language
 - d. Use of alcohol, tobacco or vaping
 - e. School district property prohibits pets, bicycles and skateboards
5. I understand that if I display improper behavior I may be expelled from the premises, and if the transgressions are repeated or are serious enough, I may be prohibited from attending any and all Little League activities.
6. All bats must be USA Baseball approved.
7. Finally, I understand that if we all help as much possible, support our children and create a positive, enjoyable environment, we can look forward to a great season.

Thank you again for choosing AIYBL and let's have another great season!

Sincerely,

The AIYBL Board of Directors

Josh Gibson, President
Ryan Meintel, Auxiliary President
Adam Kaack, Treasurer

Matt McKillop, Sr. Vice President
Dave Horell, Field Manager

Jason Kessinger, Jr. Vice President
Jason Wasovich, Secretary

PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ALTOONA INDEPENDENT YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUE

“We, the members of the Altoona Independent Youth Baseball League, desiring to provide a means whereby the youth of the area can learn the principles of sportsmanship, brotherhood and develop their skills in baseball, do hereby adopt this Constitution and solemnly pledge ourselves to be governed by its provisions.”

This is, or should be, the reason all coaches are involved with the Altoona Independent Youth Baseball League. We expect the parents to abide by the same guidelines. Umpires and coaches make mistakes the same as the players and parents make mistakes. Remember that the umpire is the only one on the field with no interest in the outcome of the game.

Anyone acting in an unruly manner will be asked to leave the premises, and they may be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including suspension from the field.

A game will be determined playable in inclement conditions by the two managers involved. If an agreement cannot be reached by the managers, the determination will be made by the Field Manager.

All players, including Major League, Minor League (AAA/AA) and Rookie league, are **required** to register via the www.aiybl.com website.

2021 Registration Fees are as Follows:

Major League (12U), AAA (10U) and AA (8U): \$150 payable online via PayPal. Each player will have the opportunity to sell raffle tickets to recoup the cost of registration. Raffle tickets will be handed out and collected by the managers. For families with more than one player - the 2nd child is full price, the 3rd is half price, the 4th is free.

Rookie - \$70 – Payable online via PayPal.

FULL PAYMENT MUST BE RECEIVED ONLINE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION.

All parents/guardians will be required to participate in the following ways:

1. Volunteer to work in the concession stand.
2. Parents of the HOME TEAM will help with the 50/50 drawing by distributing tickets and collecting money during their child's game. Children are NOT to collect the money for this activity.
3. All Player Weekend (APW) is a fun filled time for the players, (every player in the league can participate) however many parents/guardians are needed to assist with the day's activities. For this day to be a success, we appreciate everyone volunteering their time.

The cooperation of everyone is essential if we hope to continue to provide a baseball league where everyone gets a chance to play baseball and have fun. “If it's not fun, it's not baseball.”

AIYBL WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA PERMISSION AGREEMENT

The Altoona Independent Youth Baseball League has a website listed at www.aiybl.com and affiliated sites listed on Facebook and other social media platforms. On these websites, you can obtain the following information:

1. Team Schedules, Standings and Game Results
2. Cancellation notifications (rescheduled games will fall into the next available make-up slot)
3. Calendar of important dates
4. Sponsors
5. Directions
6. Photos
7. Videos

Your child's picture may appear on the league's website or one of its affiliated social media pages. If there are specific issues relative to photo/video posting, please bring it to the attention of the board.

By clicking 'I Agree' during player registration, permission is hereby given for my child to participate in the Altoona Independent Youth Baseball League for the 2021 season. I understand that there is a risk of personal injury to my child in playing baseball, and should such injury occur, I agree to cooperate with the Altoona Independent Youth Baseball League in the processing of any insurance claims, both with my medical carrier, or with the League's as applicable. I do hereby release the officers, managers, coaches or any other league official from liability from injury, which my child may sustain while playing baseball.

IN CONSIDERATION OF my child/ward, being allowed to participate in any way in AIYBL related events and activities, I acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. The risk of injury or sickness related to physical activity, COVID-19 or any other disease or illness to my child/ward from the activities involved in these programs is significant, including the potential for permanent disability and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of serious injury does exist; and,
2. I FOR MYSELF, SPOUSE, AND CHILD/WARD, I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my child/ward's participation; and,
3. I willingly agree to comply with the program's stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If I observe any unusual significant concern in my child/ward's readiness for participation and/or in the program itself, I will remove my child/ward from the participation and bring such attention of the nearest official immediately; and,
4. I for myself, my spouse, my child/ward, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Altoona Independent Youth Baseball League, its directors, officers, officials, agents, employees, volunteers, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property incident to my child/ward's involvement or participation in these programs, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

5. I, for myself, my spouse, my child's/ward, and on behalf of my/our heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS all the above Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my child's/ward involvement or participation in these programs, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY ELECTRONICALLY AGREEING DURING REGISTRATION, AND DO SO VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

By clicking 'I Agree' during player registration, I also acknowledge I have read and agree to the Code of Conduct and Parent Agreement described herein.

By clicking 'I Agree' during player registration, I agree to allow my child's picture to be posted to the league website and other league social media sites and for my child's game statistics to be posted after each game.

Any **NEW** player to the AIYBL **must supply a copy of their birth certificate** for proof of birth date.