

# BASEBALL / FASTPITCH

## ***WARNING / AGREEMENT TO OBEY***

(Both the applicant student and parent/guardian must read carefully and agree.)

I am aware that baseball/fastpitch is a high-risk sport and that practicing or competing in baseball/fastpitch will be a dangerous activity involving **MANY RISKS OF INJURY**. I understand that the dangers and risks of practicing and competing in baseball/fastpitch include, but are not limited to, death, serious neck and spinal injuries which may result in complete or partial paralysis, brain damage, serious injury to virtually all internal organs, serious injury to virtually all bones, joints, ligaments, muscles, tendons and other aspects of the muscular skeletal system, and serious injury or impairment to other aspects of my body, general health and wellbeing. I understand that the dangers and risks of practicing or competing in baseball/fastpitch may result not only in serious injury, but in a serious impairment of my future abilities to earn a living, to engage in other business, social and recreational activities and generally to enjoy life. I also understand that the sport in which I participate may be so inherently dangerous that no amount of reasonable supervision, protective equipment or training can eliminate all vestiges of danger. I am informed that the District does not assume the responsibility for the medical services required for these risks.

Because of the dangers of baseball/fastpitch, I recognize the importance of following coaches' instructions regarding techniques, training and other team rules, etc., and to agree to obey such instructions.

In consideration of the North Thurston Public Schools permitting me to try out for a high school baseball/fastpitch team and to engage in all activities related to the team, including but not limited to trying out, practicing or competing in baseball/fastpitch, I have read the above warnings and I understand their terms. I understand that interscholastic athletics involve high-risk activities that in some cases are so inherently dangerous that no amount of reasonable supervision or training can eliminate all vestiges of danger.

Students should never bring valuables to any athletic event or school activity. It is impossible to guarantee security of items at either inside or outside locations and the school district cannot be responsible for loss of student property.

In consideration of the North Thurston Public Schools permitting my child/ward to try out for the High School baseball/fastpitch team and to engage in all activities related to the team, including, but not limited to, trying out, practicing or competing in baseball/fastpitch, I have read the above warnings and I understand their terms. I understand that interscholastic athletics involve high-risk activities that in some cases are so inherently dangerous that no amount of reasonable supervision, protective equipment or training can eliminate all vestiges of danger. I am informed that the District does not assume the responsibility for the medical services required for these risks.

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## SAFETY GUIDELINES

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When a person is involved in any athletic activity, an injury can occur, especially in a contact sport. One should be aware that the information presented in these rules and procedures is to inform the athlete of proper techniques and the inherent dangers involved with this particular activity. There is a chance of broken bones, severe concussions, and back injuries, which could lead to some form of paralysis. Not all potential injury possibilities in this sport are listed, but athletes should be aware that fundamentals, coaching, and proper-fitting equipment are important to the safety and enjoyment of the sport.

1. Proper warm-up is essential before strenuous activity takes place.
2. Proper equipment for catchers should always be worn.
3. Perform only those skills and techniques as instructed and/or supervised by your coach.
4. Travel to and from off-campus facilities should take place as per school district procedures.
5. The bat can be potentially dangerous. Use it only for its intended purpose.
6. Be aware of surroundings, i.e., batters warming up, thrown bats, batted or thrown balls, on-deck circle one person at a time).
7. In baseball, always use hard hats while batting/running bases/hitting in batting cages.
8. When playing on away fields, familiarize yourself with surroundings and grounds, i.e., fences, field conditions such as holes, lips on infield edges, etc.
9. Be aware of the potentially serious injuries to your ankles, knees, and legs if you do not follow the correct procedures in base running. Sliding head first into bases should be avoided.
10. Be aware of instructions regarding communication between players, i.e., talking and calling each other off on "pop flies" and Texas leaguers, etc.
11. Contact the coach immediately if injured.

**The above information has been explained to me and I understand the list of rules and procedures. I also understand the necessity of using the proper techniques while participating in the baseball/fastpitch program.**