



PARENT & PLAYER HANDBOOK 2021-2022 SEASON

MONTHLY DUES

Americans are responsible for registering as a team member when joining the program. During registration you will be prompted to sign all necessary waivers/forms and register for recurring monthly dues. The monthly dues will be scheduled on the 1st of every month. Monthly dues are **\$250 a month**. There is a **\$15 dollar service fee** added to each installment. ***PLEASE REMEMBER***, in addition, when we travel out of town the players will

split cost of the Coaches expenses (i.e. mileage to and from at IRS rate (if driving distance), hotel room, flight if needed, rental car if needed, and food per diem of \$50/day).

There are **no refunds of fees/dues** if you decide to quit an event or leave the program. All **fees/payments are forfeited**. If the monthly payment is not received **ON** the monthly setup date, the player will not be able to participate in the Americans Program until the fees are received. All Payments are made via the website online under the “**Team**” tab and “**Pay Team Dues**”. *If a credit card gets declined or canceled there will be a \$100 fee.*

COMMITMENT

Americans is an organization that is committed to doing things at a high level. We expect that same commitment from players and parents. Players are expected to have 100% attendance to all games, practices, and team functions. We understand that there may be conflicts throughout the season but Americans is your number one priority. There will be exceptions for the players that live outside of daily driving limit. These players are expected to attend all tournaments and weekend practices. Players are not allowed to play or practice with other travel baseball organizations. If players are seeking more repetitions they can play REC baseball (8u and under). All situations and conflicts will be reviewed by Directors and Coaches.

PUNCTUALITY

As Vince Lombardi said, “If you’re on time, you’re late.” For practices, arrive to the field 15 minutes before the designated start time. Please arrive early to ensure that players are properly equipped to start practice on time (example: 6:00pm practice starts at 6:00pm not getting equipment bag put away and getting into stretching at 6:05). Arrive not later than 60 minutes prior to the start of a game (unless otherwise notified by team coaches). If for a reason beyond your control you are running late please contact your head coach or an Americans staff member.

ACCOUNTABILITY

We expect every player and parent in our organization to be accountable for their actions on and off the field. Players are expected to be at all workouts, practices, and games. Baseball is a team game and by not showing up to one of these functions you are not only hurting your development but also the development of your team. Players 13yrs and up are required to communicate to the coaches on all conflicts first before a parent is to get involved.

We understand parent involvement may be necessary, but we would like initial communication to be from the player. Issues might include being late for practices or game, missing practice, playing time, playing multiple positions, and line up questions. A player should first “look in the mirror” and ask “What can I do to make the team better”, instead of pointing the finger at teammates or coaches. If players can be accountable in this way, the player and team will have more success.

CONDUCT AT PRACTICES AND GAMES

Allow the coaches to work with the players for the time allotted. Please refrain from coaching your child during practices or games. It will only confuse the player if the coaches are attempting to teach them something different. Players should have their drinks with them during practices and games, coaches will not tolerate parents handing off food or drinks at any time once team activities have started. Practices will be up tempo and move quickly. Show respect for umpires. If a parent is removed from the game by an umpire there will be repercussions. Refrain from hovering by the dugout. Parents are not allowed to talk with their player during games unless an injury has occurred. Vulgar or rude behavior will not be tolerated. Have fun! Enjoy the time spent with your child doing something they enjoy.

PROBLEM SOLVING/COMMUNICATION

Remember The Most Important Rule* Threatening physical violence or harassment via email/text is grounds for **IMMEDIATE EXPULSION** from the program. There will be a “chain of command” when addressing player issues. Address your concerns with the coach first. If you feel your concern was not addressed properly email: Coach Joemar Melendez at joey.joemelendez5@gmail.com. If a phone call or meeting needs to be set up to address further issues it will be. Our goal with Americans is to provide a great experience for players and parents. If you do have a problem that needs to be addressed please wait **24 hours** after an individual game or **24 hours** after the end of a tournament before contacting your coach.

APPEARANCE

As a member of a select group you are expected to dress in a neat and clean manner. For special occasions, if a team is traveling, instructions will be given on proper attire. Neatness and cleanliness are always required. When involved with an Americans game or practice, body piercings and other radically different appearance features are not allowed. Players are to wear their uniforms tucked in and hats straight at all times. Players during practices and games must wear a hat and belt to all practices and games as well.

BEHAVIOR IN PUBLIC PLACES

As a player and parent with Americans, you are expected to present a positive and favorable image in everything you do. You should be constantly aware that you are highly visible both as an individual and as a team member, and you will be representing yourself, family, and Americans at all times. Opposing players, coaches, umpires, and fans must be treated with respect and courtesy. The fact that all Americans players and parents should conduct themselves in a first-class manner does not mean that you should not enjoy yourself on and off the field. There is no reason a player cannot act in a mature and dignified manner and still play well and to the best of his ability. Good sportsmanship and manners are both possible while playing hard and trying to succeed.

EQUIPMENT/UNIFORMS

All uniforms and team practice gear will be purchased through the programs Team Uniform Package. If you need extra gear, you can purchase on our website or at our training facility. Cleats must be of appropriate color to match the uniforms. No bright, neon colors. Players must purchase an Evoshield high gloss White helmet.

TEAM SELECTION AND NATIONAL TEAM SELECTION PROCESS

We will hold tryouts typically in Aug and Sept of each year. We will select our teams in September of each year and begin our season in October of each year. Our season will go through June/July of each year. ***There will be National Events that will be offered in the summer of each year that will have separate tryouts. The National Events that are offered are optional and players must tryout to make the team. The National Teams will be made up of ALL AMERICANS PLAYERS.***

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

We understand Americans is a large commitment for families. If a family is having trouble making a payment please let us know. If there are certain payment arrangements or options that can help with Americans fees we are open to discussing them with you. If you fail to make a payment and do not communicate with us as to why, we will not allow your player to participate in practices or games.

All monies paid to Americans at any time or towards any event will be forfeited and non-refundable.

INSURANCE AND MEDICAL SERVICES

Personal health and accident insurance policies will be the primary insurance for each player in Americans. All players insurance must be given to Americans and must be in effect for the player to participate in any activity. If a player has a pre-existing ailment or injury this must be communicated to the Americans staff prior to participating in any practices or games.

RELATIONSHIP WITH COLLEGE COACHES, SCOUTS AND ADVISORS (HIGH SCHOOL)

Many college recruiters, scouts and advisors will attend games. Please be conscious of all regulations that govern your contact with them as a player. Do not jeopardize your career by engaging in improper contact on or off the field. Parents are encouraged to not approach coaches or scouts at games. If the coach or scout has an interest in your son they will contact Americans coaching staff or you directly.

AMERICANS STORE

The Americans store will be open a few times throughout the year. All merchandise from the Americans store is optional except for the Team hoodie.

PLAYER EVALUATIONS

This year we will be implementing an individual assessment plan for each player in the program. This assessment will help identify strengths and weaknesses of players with a staff member designing a specific goal oriented program to track one's progress over time.

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