

## **Blaze Baseball Organization – Parent & Player Bylaws**

*These Bylaws are hereby established by the owner of Blaze Baseball Organization. Any and all prior agreements, resolutions, practices, policies, rules or regulations relating to this organization, to the extent inconsistent with these Bylaws, are hereby superseded.*

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## Article I

### Name of Organization

Blaze Baseball Travel Baseball Organization

### Mission Statement

Developing baseball skills that are essential life lessons, such as discipline, hard work, dedication, teamwork and overcoming adversity

### Standings

Blaze Baseball is a travel baseball organization that will fall under the bylaws and policies of Blaze until such time Blaze terminates, or any way ceases to function as Blaze Baseball

## Article II

### Purpose

To establish clear expectations, responsibilities, and conduct standards for parents/guardians and players participating in the Blaze Baseball Program. These bylaws are designed to promote respect,

The Blaze Baseball Traveling organization goals are to do the following:

- Provide effective, high-quality training for players and coaches at all levels.
- Seek to maximize the potential of every player in the organization.
- Emphasize the importance of teamwork and sportsmanship, accountability, and a team-first culture both on and off the field.

## Article III

### General Code of Conduct

#### **Players Must:**

- Attend all practices, games, and team events unless excused by a coach.
- Arrive on time, in full uniform, and ready to play.
- Show respect to coaches, teammates, opponents, and umpires always.
- Refrain from using profanity, taunting, or unsportsmanlike behavior.
- Maintain academic responsibilities if enrolled in school.
- Abide by team and facility rules (including recovery room, weight room, cages, and lounge conduct).
- Represent Blaze Baseball positively in public and on social media.

#### **Parents Must:**

- Always support their child and the team in a positive manner.
- Refrain from coaching from the stands or dugout area.
- Direct all concerns or complaints through proper channels (see Conflict Resolution process).
- Respect the decisions and authority of coaches and officials.
- Ensure timely payment of all team fees, dues, and expenses.
- Refrain from entering dugouts, practice areas, or team-only zones unless asked.
- Set the tone with other parents — zero tolerance for gossip, drama, or negativity toward coaches or other families.

## **Article IV**

### **Location**

The principal location of Blaze Baseball, at which the general business of the organization will be transacted, is located at 322 Northpoint Pkwy SE Suite H, Acworth, GA 30102.

## **Article V**

### **Communication Policy**

- 24-Hour Rule: No game-related concerns may be raised with coaches until 24 hours after the event.
- Use designated team communication platforms (e.g., remind, email.).
- Direct communication about playing time, roles, or concerns must be initiated by the player (for ages 13+).

## **Article VI**

### **Attendance & Commitment**

- Players are expected to attend all team practices, games, and tournaments unless prior notice is given.
- Playing for another team or skipping Blaze events for non-approved reasons is grounds for suspension or removal.
- Missed events may impact playing time.

## **Article VII**

### **Fees, Refunds, and Withdrawal**

- All fees are non-refundable unless otherwise stated in the Parent Agreement.
- Uniform costs are non-refundable.
- Players released due to conduct or violation of these bylaws may not be eligible for any refund.
- Withdrawal from the program must be submitted in writing and may be subject to financial penalties based on services rendered.

## **Article VIII**

### **Discipline and Dismissal**

Violations of these bylaws may result in:

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Suspension from games or practices
- Dismissal from the team without a refund
- Dismissal may be determined by the coaching staff and ownership after review.

## **Article IX**

### **Social Media Policy**

- Players and parents shall not post anything negative about Blaze Baseball, teammates, coaches, umpires, or opposing teams.
- Any social media activity that reflects poorly on the organization may result in disciplinary action.

## **Article X**

### **Conflict Resolution Process**

- Concern raised privately and respectfully through proper channels.
- If unresolved, the matter may be escalated to Program Director.
- Organization leadership will make final decisions on unresolved conflicts.
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## **Article XI**

### **Acknowledgment**

- All parents and players must sign a copy of these bylaws acknowledging they've read, understood, and agree to abide by them.

## **Article XII**

### **Player Eligibility & Expectations**

- Players must be in good standing with both the team and school (if applicable).
- Blaze Baseball reserves the right to remove any player whose behavior is detrimental to team morale or performance.
- Players must maintain a minimum attendance threshold (e.g., 80%) to be eligible for starting positions or postseason play.

## **Article XIII**

### **Playing Time Philosophy**

- Playing time is earned, not guaranteed.

*Factors affecting playing time include:*

- Attendance
- Attitude
- Effort in practice
- Performance
- Team needs and strategy
- Parents may not challenge coaching decisions related to playing time or batting order

## **Article XIV**

### **Injury and Return-to-Play Policy**

- Injuries must be reported immediately to the coaching staff.
- A medical clearance may be required before returning to full participation.
- Players recovering from injury may have modified roles until cleared for full activity.

## **Article XV**

### **Financial Delinquency Policy**

Failure to stay current on payments may result in:

- Suspension from participation
- Withholding of uniforms or gear
- Ineligibility for tournaments or travel
- Payment plans must be approved in writing by program leadership.

## **Article XVI**

### **Parent Behavior Enforcement**

- Blaze Baseball reserves the right to ban a parent or guardian from attending games or practices if behavior becomes disruptive, abusive, or threatening.  
*Examples of offenses include:*
- Confronting coaches at games
- Yelling at officials
- Publicly criticizing players (own or others)

## **Article XVII**

### **Tournament and Travel Policy**

- Parents are responsible for transportation and lodging during away events unless specified.
- Players are expected to stay with the team during events unless alternate arrangements are pre-approved.
- Blaze reserves the right to set curfews and travel expectations during tournaments.

## **Article XVIII**

### **College Recruiting Support Policy (if applicable)**

- Blaze is not responsible for securing college offers or scholarships.

## **Article XIX**

### **Consent and Liability**

- Parents agree to hold Blaze Baseball harmless for any injuries or accidents that occur during team-sanctioned events.
- Players and parents' consent to use of photos/videos for promotional and instructional purposes.

## Articles XX

### Team Commitment Policy

- Blaze Baseball is a priority commitment during the active season.
- Participation in other sports or clubs is allowed, but must not interfere with practices, games, or tournaments without prior notice and approval.
- Frequent conflicts or absences may impact team role or roster status.

## Articles XXI

### Timeliness & Preparedness

- Players must arrive with proper equipment, uniform, water, and any required gear (including recovery tools or apparel).
- Chronic lateness may affect playing time.

## Article XCII

### Electronics Policy

- Use of phones or electronic devices during team activities is prohibited unless approved by a coach.
- Any social media post involving Blaze branding must reflect professionalism and positivity.

## Article XXIII

### Substitution & Guest Player Policy

- Blaze may bring in guest players when necessary (injuries, absences).
- Guest players must be approved by program leadership and follow Blaze standards.
- Parents should not seek to play their child on other teams without approval if they are active on a Blaze roster.

## Article XXIV

### Uniform & Equipment Expectations

- Players must wear designated team gear to all games and tournaments (no mixing of brands or off-brand hats, etc.).
- Uniforms must be clean and in presentable condition.
- Lost or damaged gear must be replaced at the family's expense.

## Article XXV

### Player Development Responsibility

- Coaches will focus on developing each player's skills, knowledge, and character.
- Players are expected to work on their development outside of team practices (e.g., tee work, strength training, recovery routines).
- Blaze will offer additional resources (lessons, clinics, video analysis) it is the player's responsibility to take advantage of them.

## **Article XXVI**

### **Dispute/Appeal Protocol**

*All concerns or complaints must:*

- Be submitted in writing (email or message).
- Be respectful and solution oriented.
- Go through the chain of command (Coach → Program Director → Ownership).
- Anonymous complaints will not be addressed.
- Not all disputes will result in changes, but all will be acknowledged and reviewed.

## **Article XXVII**

### **Final Authority Clause**

- Blaze Baseball reserves the right to make all final decisions regarding team rosters, coaching assignments, playing time, schedules, and discipline.
- These decisions are made in the best interest of the organization and the collective team.

## **Article XXVIII**

### **Signatures & Enforcement**

- Both the player and at least one parent/guardian must sign the bylaws prior to the start of each season.
- Failure to sign does not excuse the family from adherence — participation implies agreement.