

## **Parent/Spectator Conduct Policy**

### **Purpose**

The following policy has been adopted by the Logan Rogersville High School Baseball Program to hold parents and spectators accountable for their actions as well as to eliminate confusion on rules and regulations while attending games at Rogersville High School. This policy is designed to display the same responsible and respectful behavior that Rogersville and its sports programs have been accustomed to.

### **Parent Regulations-Coaches/Players at Practice and Games**

Players are required to adhere to guidelines set forth by the coaching staff. Please feel free to discuss those with your son so that we are all on the same page. Parent and Spectators are required and agree to adhere to the following guidelines when attending any baseball game:

- Spectators shall not enter the dugout or playing area at anytime for any reason unless personally excused by the head coach of the team
- Drinks, snacks, etc.. are never to be delivered to the dugout unless it goes through the coach. Just simply hand it to a coach and they will hand it to the player.
- Parents may attend and watch practices (outside only due to space) when they please. However, contact with players or coaches during this time is prohibited. Make sure and stay on the hill or away from players.
- Spectators shall refrain from using vulgar language of any kind.-you will be asked to leave the reminder of the game/practice
- Spectators shall not argue, yell, or curse at officials, coaches, school administrators, opposing team members, or opposing parents at any time- you will be asked to leave the reminder of the game/practice
- Spectators shall not discuss any issue with or about coaches or players in a public forum at any time. This includes social media. Ex's Stands, concession stand, face book, twitter or any other forum considered public. If a violation occurs, that spectator should be referred to the Head Coach immediately.
- Assistant coaches will not talk about any issue without the Head Coach present. All concerns need to go through Coach Ledl.
- Concerns will never be addressed in public nor in a public setting. Sometimes we do disagree on how to achieve the common goal of putting your son in the best possible chance to succeed. However, this discussion should never take place in front of other players. It demeans the coach, but importantly, it demeans the player even further.
- Spectators shall not address coaches about playing time or game decisions at any time before, during, or after games. If you have a concern, coaches will be contacted at a different time and a meeting shall be set up. However, playing time will not be discussed nor will any information about other players or coaches. The
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- meeting will be specifically about the player in question and the player will be present at this meeting.
- Playing time issues or coaching decisions will not be discussed with parents at anytime or for any reason. However, coaches are willing to have open and honest communication when a meeting is scheduled in advance.
  - If any of these guidelines are violated, the parent will be asked to attend a meeting with the Head Coach, Assistant Coaches, and Athletic Director present about the violation of the guidelines.
  - Communication (or coaching) between parents and players during games or practices is strictly prohibited. Players practice with their team mates and coaches-they need to hear one voice, not several. It detracts from their attention and their performance on the field.
  - The “Circle”-We work on helping players understand the need for honest and open communication in what we call the “Circle.” Coaches and team mates are in that circle. Parents, relatives, other coaches, or students are not. Please understand and please help us to foster an environment where the team achieves its goals.

## **Parent Support**

### **Message from Coach Ledl:**

I have had the great opportunity to get to know several of you through the course of my first year here. Thank you for your support and your flexibility with changes that I have been trying to implement. We must have a special relationship. We are both here for the same reason: to try and help your son be a competitive, positive, and responsible student, athlete, and person. We will not always agree on how that is done, but we must all agree that we are here for the same reasons. You have entrusted me to coach your young men and I take that responsibility very seriously. However, the goals of the individual do not always match the goals of the team. I am always happy to talk with you about anything that you feel needs to be discussed. However, please understand that playing time, coaching decisions, and team aspects must be the focus of the coaches and players and stay between the coaches and players. Our purpose is to win, but our responsibility is to produce respected graduates of Logan Rogersville High School.

## **Parent Signature**

The following signature acknowledges that I have read and understand all policies and procedures. I also understand all consequences of violations and procedures for grievances. I understand that any violation of this policy can result in suspension or expulsion of both home and away contests.

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